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To The Honorable, The Chief Justice of
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In accord with Section 7A-343 of the North Carolina General Statutes I hereby transmit the Fourteenth *Annual Report of the Administrative Office of the Courts*, relating to the fiscal year, July 1, 1978 - June 30, 1979.

Some significant changes in format and content are reflected in this year's report. First, the report is on a fiscal year rather than calendar year basis. This permits a presentation of case data and other information about the Judicial Department on the same time period used to report appropriations and expenditures for the Judicial Department as well as for State government generally. Also, the fiscal year format will permit us to have available more timely reports for the consideration of the annual sessions of the General Assembly. In content, more emphasis is given to narrative, with the view of better serving the varying needs of different users of the report and placing in sharper focus an overall perspective of Judicial Department activity.

Appreciation is expressed to the many persons who participated in the data reporting, compilation, and presentation process required to produce this annual report. Within the Administrative Office of the Courts, principal responsibilities were shared by the Research and Planning Division and the Systems Division. Among court officials, the principal burden of reporting the great mass of trial court data rested upon the offices of the clerks of superior court located in each of the one hundred counties of the State. Without the daily, responsible work of clerk personnel across the State, this report would not have been possible.

It is my hope that the annual report, for this and succeeding years, will make a contribution to better understanding and support for continued improvement of North Carolina's system of courts.

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Director

February 15, 1980

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PART I

THE 1978-1979 JUDICIAL YEAR IN REVIEW

THE 1978-79 JUDICIAL YEAR IN REVIEW

Annual Report Format and Content

This annual report covers North Carolina Judicial Department operations for the 1978-79 fiscal year, differing substantially in format and content from prior annual reports, which were on a calendar year basis.

Changing to the fiscal year period, July 1 through June 30, offers two distinct advantages. First, the time period on caseload data and analysis can now correspond with the time period for reporting on appropriations and expenditures. Second, the annual report for the immediate past year can be compiled, printed and distributed before or early during the legislative sessions of each year instead of (as in the past) usually after the legislative sessions have adjourned. For example, the latest annual report available to the 1979 Legislative Session was for calendar year, 1977, inasmuch as the 1978 calendar year report was not completed and available for distribution until after the Legislature had adjourned.

A recommended "State Court Model Annual Report" was distributed in 1979 by the National Center for State Courts and the Conference of State Court Administrators as a part of a continuing effort to develop a national data base of state court statistics and to assist in the improvement of annual reports on state courts throughout the country. This recommended model was used as a guide in the production of this annual report.

Beginning with the 1976 Annual Report on the Judicial Department, North Carolina's reporting of trial court case data has been much more comprehensive than in previous years. The revised system of trial court data reporting begun in 1976 is described in the Introduction to the 1976 Annual Report on North Carolina Courts. This current report differs from the past three Annual Reports largely in presenting significantly more narrative comment so as to provide a better overall State perspective of Judicial Department activity.

In the interest of clarity and convenience for readers, this Report is divided into four major parts, separated by a divider page of the same color as the cover. Part I consists of the "judicial year in review" statement. Part II provides information on the historical development of North Carolina courts, description of the present court system and a summary review of organization and operations during 1978-79. Part III covers court resources: appropriations and expenditures during 1978-79 and summary information on the categories of personnel which serve in the Judicial Department. Part IV contains detailed caseload data and comment for both the trial courts and the appellate courts.

As is apparent, the basic approach in format is to present a "broad perspective" of court system organization and operations, proceeding then to a more detailed data presentation. The objective is to meet well the varying needs of different users of the Annual Report.

Whatever progress is reflected in this year's Report will hopefully be the foundation for still further improvements in succeeding annual reports.

The Workload of the Courts

During 1978-79 there were some substantial increases in the workload of North Carolina's courts, at appellate and trial court levels. As set out in more detail in Part IV, the number of cases docketed in the Supreme Court increased 8.1%; the number of opinions filed by the Court increased 9.5%; the number of petitions docketed increased 46.3%; and the number of petitions allowed by the Supreme Court increased by 20.8%.

With respect to the superior courts, a total of 68,625 cases (civil and criminal) were filed during 1978-79, a 5.9% increase over the total of 64,819 cases filed during calendar year, 1978. A total of 65,899 superior court cases were disposed of during 1978-79, an increase of 6.8% over the total of 61,713 cases disposed of during calendar year, 1978. For year-end pending cases, the total at the end of 1978-79 was 35,184, representing a 2.8% reduction from the total of 36,214 cases pending at the end of calendar year, 1978. More detailed data on superior court civil and criminal caseloads is presented in Part IV of this Report.

For the district courts, filings of cases decreased slightly (less than one percent) during 1978-79 compared with calendar year, 1978, as did dispositions: a total of 1,402,518 for 1978-79 compared with 1,407,360 for calendar year, 1978. The number of district court cases, civil and criminal, which were pending as of June 30, 1979 was about one percent greater (244,922) compared with the number (242,920) pending at the end of calendar year, 1978. As the more detailed data in Parts II and IV of this Report show, the trend in district court case activity over the past several years reflects a significant increase. The slight decrease in current year total case activity is not regarded as necessarily indicative of a trend which will hold.

It is important to note that civil case filings in the district courts during 1978-79 *increased* almost six percent, and the number of civil cases pending at year-end rose more than 11% over the prior year. The principal decrease in district court filings during 1978-79 was in the traffic offense category. This decrease (2.4%) in traffic cases is undoubtedly related to recently reported trends in the operation of private automobiles as reflected, for example, in decreasing state gasoline tax revenues. The higher costs of gasoline appear to be prompting automobile owners to drive less than they would otherwise, and at lower speeds. Whether the decreases in traffic case activity in the district courts during 1978-79 reflect a trend for this category of cases which will hold during the next few years remains to be seen. Obviously, if private automobile use decreases, or does not continue to increase as in the past, the volume of traffic offenses which will come before the district courts in the State will be affected.

Legislative Highlights

Constitutional Amendments

By the required three-fifths vote in each house, the Legislature approved a proposed amendment to the State Constitution, to be voted on statewide at the general election in the Fall of 1980, which provides that only a person who is authorized to practice law in the State will be eligible for appointment or election to a judgeship. Under the present State Constitution a non-lawyer can serve as a judge in any of the courts, appellate as well as the trial courts. Non-lawyers have not in the past been appointed or elected to the Supreme Court, the Court of Appeals, or the superior court. Eight non-lawyers have been elected district court judges; but any non-lawyer sitting judge would be exempted from application of the proposed constitutional amendment under a "grandfather clause."

A proposed constitutional amendment providing for "nonpartisan merit selection" of judges failed to gain the necessary three-fifths legislative approval for submission to a statewide vote.

Censure or Removal of a Supreme Court Justice

The statutes pertaining to the Judicial Standards Commission were amended to provide that if the respondent is a member of the State Supreme Court, the recommendation of the Judicial Standards Commission will go to the Court of Appeals for action instead of to the Supreme Court. In such case, the Chief Judge and the six senior judges on the Court of Appeals, excluding any judge serving on the Judicial Standards Commission, would act on the recommendation of the Judicial Standards Commission.

Court Studies

The General Assembly reestablished the North Carolina Courts Commission which will have a continuing responsibility to review court organization and operation issues and submit recommendations for improvement. Five members of this Commission are appointed by the Governor, five by the President of the Senate, and five by the Speaker of the House. The Legislature also gave this Commission four specific study assignments: consideration of administrative adjudication of traffic cases in lieu of initial filing of such cases in the district courts; a study of the offices of the Clerk of Superior Court and the position of trial court administrator; and a study of the feasibility of making financial settlement to persons convicted and imprisoned whose terms of imprisonment are later shown to have been legally erroneous.

The Legislative Research Commission (an agency of the General Assembly) was directed to study the laws of evidence with the view of proposing an evidence code for the State; and the Criminal Code Commission, appointed by the Attorney General and responsible for studies in the criminal law and procedure area, was directed to study the defense of insanity in criminal cases. Reports on these matters are to be presented to the 1981 General Assembly.

Additional District Court Judges

Nine additional district court judges were authorized by the General Assembly, one each in the following judicial districts: 1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 13th, 14th, 26th, 27B, and 29th.

Presumptive Sentencing Law

A presumptive sentencing law (G.S. 15A-1340.1 et seq.) was enacted by the 1979 General Assembly, to be applicable to felonies committed on or after July 1, 1980. The act divides felonies into 10 classes and sets a presumptive sentence for each class other than those for which the death penalty or life imprisonment is mandated by statute. The sentencing judge must impose the presumptive sentence unless he gives written reasons for the court record for not doing so. However, unless otherwise expressly provided by statute for a particular offense, the judge retains full discretion to suspend a prison term, impose probation supervision, sentence a defendant as a youthful offender or impose consecutive terms for multiple offenses without giving reasons.

In imposing a prison term for a felony conviction, the sentencing judge may consider any relevant mitigating or aggravating circumstance; and he must consider the following factors: (1) *aggravating* in committing the offense the defendant inflicted bodily injury or property damage substantially in excess of the minimum required to prove the offense, or the defendant induced others to participate in the offense or provided leadership of others in committing the offense; (2) *mitigating* defendant had no prior criminal record or a record only of minor misdemeanors, defendant inflicted minimum bodily injury or property damage, was a passive participant or had a minor role, suffered from a mental or physical condition not sufficient to constitute a defense but which significantly reduced his culpability, the defendant was of such age or limited mental capacity as to be substantially lacking in sound judgment, or defendant had made partial or full restitution to the victim of the crime. Further, the sentencing

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judge is required to take into account a negotiated plea and any circumstance arising from the evidence which is found by the judge to have mitigating value.

Second Grand Jury Authorized

Section 15A-622 of the North Carolina General Statutes was amended to authorize the senior resident superior court judge in a district to expedite criminal prosecutions by impaneling a second grand jury in any county of the district, to sit concurrently with the regular grand jury.

First Appearance on Felony Charge

Section 15A-601 of the General Statutes was amended to provide, effective October 1, 1979, that the clerk of superior court may conduct the first appearance proceeding for one charged with a felony if a district court judge is not available within the 96-hour period required by statute.

Revised Juvenile Code

Relevant to the jurisdiction and authority of district court judges in juvenile matters, and to the responsibilities of juvenile court counselors, the General Assembly enacted a new Juvenile Code, based upon a report of the Juvenile Code Revision Committee which was established by the 1977 General Assembly. The new code (G.S. 7A-516 et seq.) becomes effective on January 1, 1980.

Jurisdiction of Magistrates

The jurisdiction of magistrates in small claims cases was increased from $500 to $800, and the jurisdictional amount involved in worthless check charges heard by magistrates was increased from $300 to $400. These changes were made effective October 1, 1979.

Appropriations

State funds were appropriated for the following additional positions in the Judicial Department: nine district court judges; 18 assistant district attorneys; 12 magistrates; 86 deputy clerks; two court reporters; one investigatorial assistant for a district attorney office; four attorneys and two secretaries for the prehearing unit of the Court of Appeals; a trial court administrator and secretary for each of ten judicial districts; 10 assistant public defenders, five stenographers and one investigator for Public Defender offices; an executive director, investigator, and secretary for the Judicial Standards Commission (to replace LEAA-funded positions).

In addition, funds were appropriated to raise juror's pay after five days of jury duty from $8 to $30 per day, and to increase grand jurors' pay from $8 to $12 per day. Judicial Department personnel received an approximate 7% cost-of-living salary increase, comparable to that provided for other State personnel.

PART II

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- **Historical Development of Court System**
- **Present Court System**
- **Organization and Operations in 1978-79**

HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE NORTH CAROLINA COURT SYSTEM

From its early colonial period North Carolina's judicial system has been the focus of periodic attention and adjustment. Through the years, there has been a repeated sequence of critical examination, proposals for reform, and finally the enactment of some reform measures.

Colonial Period

Around 1700 the royal governor established a General (or Supreme) Court for the colony and a dispute developed over the appointment of associate justices. The Assembly conceded to the King the right to name the chief justice but unsuccessfully tried to win for itself the power to appoint the associate justices. Other controversies developed concerning the creation and jurisdiction of the courts and the tenure of judges. As for the latter, the Assembly's position was that judge appointments should be for good behavior as against the royal governor's decision for life appointment. State historians have noted that "the Assembly won its fight to establish courts and the judicial structure in the province was grounded on laws enacted by the legislature," which was more familiar with local conditions and needs (Lefler and Newsome, 142). Nevertheless, North Carolina alternated between periods under legislatively enacted reforms (like good behavior tenure and the Court Bill of 1746, which contained the seeds of the post-Revolutionary court system) and periods of stalemate and anarchy after such enactments were nullified by royal authority. A more elaborate system was framed by legislation in 1767 to last five years. It was not renewed because of persisting disagreement between local and royal partisans. As a result, North Carolina was without higher courts until after Independence (Battle, 847).

At the lower court level during the colonial period, judicial and county government administrative functions were combined in the authority of the justices of the peace, who were appointed by the royal governor.

After the Revolution

When North Carolina became a state in 1776, the colonial structure of the court system was retained largely intact. The Courts of Pleas and Quarter Sessions — the county court which continued in use from about 1670 to 1868 — were still held by the assembled justices of the peace in each county. The justices were appointed by the governor on the recommendation of the General Assembly, and they were paid out of fees charged litigants. On the lowest level of the judicial system, magistrate courts of limited jurisdiction were held by justices of the peace, singly or in pairs, while the county court was out of term.

The new Constitution of 1776 empowered the General Assembly to appoint judges of the Supreme Court of Law and Equity. A court law enacted a year later authorized three superior court judges and created judicial districts. Sessions were supposed to be held in the court towns of each district twice a year, under a system much like the one that had expired in 1772. Just as there had been little distinction in terminology between General Court and Supreme Court prior to the Revolution, the terms Supreme Court and Superior Court were also interchangeable during the period immediately following the Revolution.

One of the most vexing governmental problems confronting the new State of North Carolina was its judiciary. "From its inception in 1777 the state's judiciary caused complaint and demands for reform." (Lefler and Newsome, 291, 292). Infrequency of sessions, conflicting judge opinions, and insufficient number of judges, and lack of means for appeal were all cited as problems, although the greatest weakness was considered to be the lack of a real Supreme Court.

In 1779, the legislature required the Superior Court judges to meet together in Raleigh as a Court or Conference to resolve cases which were disagreed on in the districts. This court was continued and made permanent by subsequent laws. The justices were required to put their opinions in writing to be delivered orally in court. The Court of Conference was changed in name to the Supreme Court in 1805 and authorized to hear appeals in 1810. Because of the influence of the English legal system, however, there was still no conception of an alternative to judges sitting together to hear appeals from cases which they had themselves heard in the districts in panels of as few as two judges (Battle, 848). In 1818, though, an independent three-judge Supreme Court was created for review of cases decided at the Superior Court level.

Meanwhile, semi-annual superior court sessions in each county were made mandatory in 1806, and the State was divided into six circuits, or ridings, where the six judges were to sit in rotation, two judges constituting a quorum as before.

The County court of justices of the peace continued during this period as the lowest court and as the agency of local government.

After the Civil War

Major changes to modernize the judiciary and make it more democratic were made in 1868. A primary holdover from the English legal arrangement — the distinction between law and equity proceedings — was abolished. The County Court's control of local government was abolished. Capital offenses were limited to murder, arson, burglary and rape, and the Constitution stated that the aim of punishment was "not only to satisfy justice, but also to reform the offender, and thus prevent crime." The membership of the Supreme Court was raised to five, and the selection of the justices (including the designation of the chief justice) and superior court judges (raised in number to 12) was taken from the legislature and given to the voters, although vacancies were to be filled by the governor until the next election. The Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions the County Court of which three justices of the peace constituted a quorum was eliminated. Its judicial responsibilities were divided between the Superior Courts and the individual justices of the peace, who were retained as separate judicial officers with limited jurisdiction.

Conservatively oriented amendments to the 1868 Constitution in 1875 reduced the number of Supreme Court justices to three and the Superior Court judges to nine. The General Assembly was given the power to appoint justices of the peace, instead of the governor. Most of the modernizing changes in the post-Civil War Constitution, however, were left, and the judicial structure it had established continued without systematic modification through more than half of the 20th century. (A further constitutional amendment approved by the voters in November, 1888, returned the Supreme Court membership to five, and the number of superior court judges to twelve.)

Before Reorganization

A multitude of legislative enactments to meet rising demands and to respond to changing needs had heavily encumbered the 1868 judicial structure by the time systematic court reforms were proposed in the 1950's. This accrual of piecemeal change and addition to the court system was most evident at the lower, local court level, where hundreds of courts specially created by statute operated with widely dissimilar structure and jurisdiction.

By 1965, when the implementation of the most recent major reforms was begun, the court system in North Carolina consisted of four levels: (a) the Supreme Court, with appellate jurisdiction; (b) the superior court, with general trial jurisdiction; (c) the local statutory courts of limited jurisdiction, and (d) justices of the peace and mayor's courts, with petty jurisdiction.

At the superior court level, the State had been divided into 30 judicial districts and 24 solicitorial districts. The 40 superior court judges (who rotated among the counties) and the district solicitors were paid by the State. The clerk of superior court, who was judge of probate and often also a juvenile judge, was a county official. There were specialized branches of superior court in some counties for matters like domestic relations and juvenile offenses.

The lower two levels were local courts. At the higher of these local court levels were more than 180 recorder-type courts. Among these were the county recorder's courts, municipal recorder's courts and township recorder's courts; the general county courts, county criminal courts and special county courts; the domestic relations courts and the juvenile courts. Some of these had been established individually by special legislative acts more than a half-century earlier. Others had been created by general law across the State since 1919. About half were county courts and half were city or township courts. Jurisdiction included misdemeanors (mostly traffic offenses), preliminary hearings and sometimes civil matters. The judges, who were usually part-time, were variously elected or appointed locally.

At the lowest level were about 90 mayor's courts and some 925 justices of the peace. These officers had similar criminal jurisdiction over minor cases with penalties up to a $50 fine or 30 days in jail. The justices of the peace also had civil jurisdiction of minor cases. These court officials were compensated by the fees they exacted, and they provided their own facilities.

Court Reorganization

The need for a comprehensive evaluation and revision of the court system received the attention and support of Governor Luther H. Hodges in 1957, who encouraged the leadership of the North Carolina Bar Association to pursue the matter. A Court Study Committee was established as an agency of the North Carolina Bar Association, and that Committee issued its report, calling for reorganization, at the end of 1958. A legislative Constitutional Commission, which worked with the Court Study Committee, finished its report early the next year. Both groups called for the structuring of an all-inclusive court system which would be directly state-operated, uniform in its organization throughout the State and centralized in its administration. The plan was for a simplified, streamlined and unified structure. A particularly important part of the proposal was the elimination of the local statutory courts and their replacement by a single District Court; the office of justice of the peace was to be abolished, and the newly fashioned position of magistrate would function within the District Court as a subordinate judicial office.

Constitutional amendments were introduced in the legislature in 1959 but these failed to gain the required three-fifths vote of each house. The proposals were reintroduced and approved at the 1961 session. The Constitutional amendments were approved by popular vote in 1962, and three years later the General Assembly enacted statutes to put the system into effect by stages. By the end of 1970 all of the counties and their courts had been incorporated into the new system, whose unitary nature was symbolized by the name, General Court of Justice. The designation of the entire 20th Century judicial system as a single, statewide "court," with components for various types and levels of caseload, was adapted from North Carolina's earlier General Court, whose full venue extended to all of the 17th Century counties.

After Reorganization

Notwithstanding the comprehensive reorganization adopted in 1962, the impetus for changes has continued. In 1965, the Constitution was amended to provide for the creation of an intermediate Court of Appeals. It was amended again in 1972 to allow for the Supreme Court to censure or remove judges upon the recommendation of a Judicial Standards Commission. As for the selection of judges, persistent efforts have been made in the 1970's to obtain legislative approval of amendments to the State Constitution, to appoint judges according to "merit" instead of electing them by popular, partisan vote. The proposed amendments have received the backing of a majority of the members of each house, but not the three-fifths required to submit constitutional amendments to a vote of the people. It seems likely that this significant issue will be before the General Assembly again for consideration.

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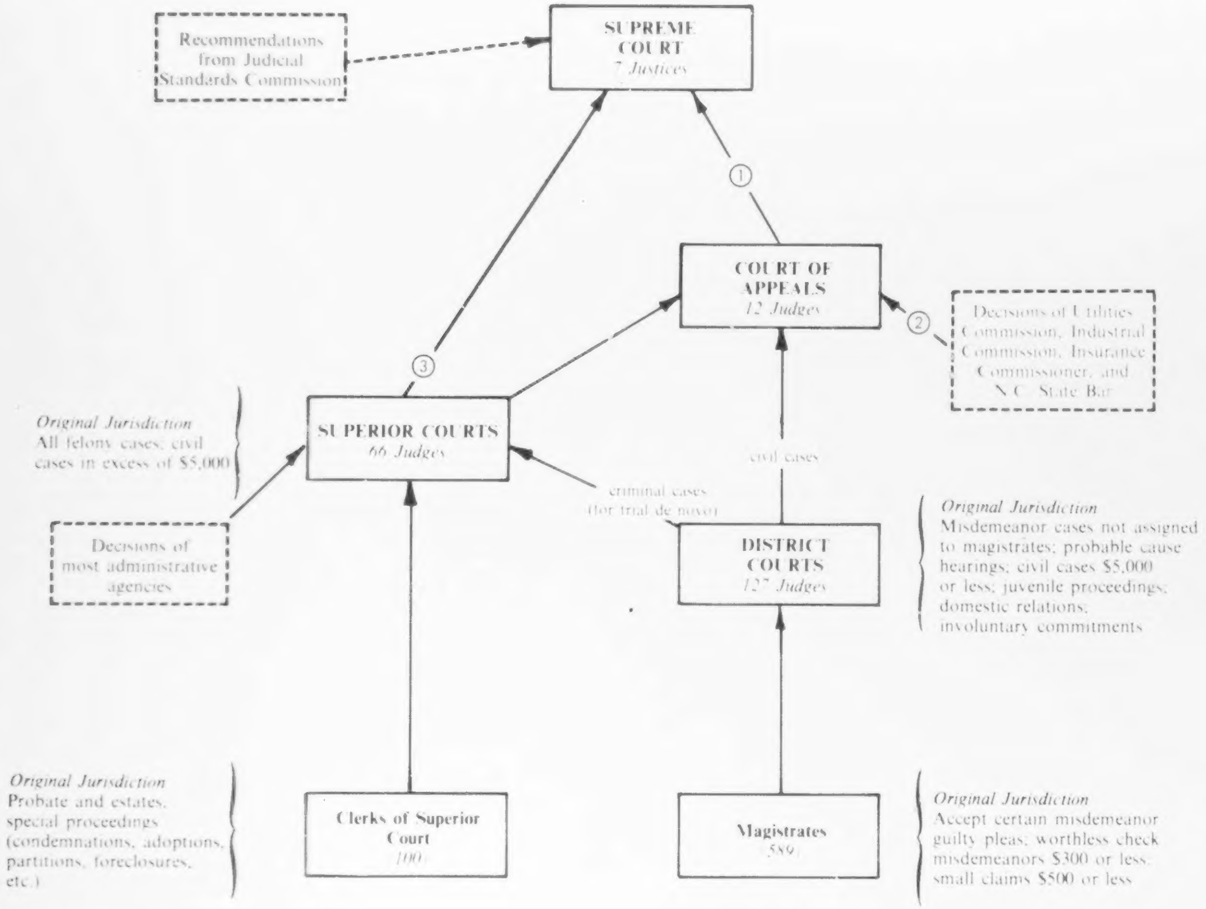
ORIGINAL JURISDICTIONS AND ROUTES OF APPEAL IN THE PRESENT COURT SYSTEM


Recommendations from Judicial Standards Commission
SUPREME COURT
7 Justices
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COURT OF APPEALS
12 Judges
②
Decisions of Utilities Commission, Industrial Commission, Insurance Commissioner, and N.C. State Bar
③
Original Jurisdiction
All felony cases; civil cases in excess of $5,000
SUPERIOR COURTS
66 Judges
civil cases
criminal cases (for trial de novo)
Decisions of most administrative agencies
DISTRICT COURTS
127 Judges
Original Jurisdiction
Misdemeanor cases not assigned to magistrates; probable cause hearings; civil cases $5,000 or less; juvenile proceedings; domestic relations; involuntary commitments
Original Jurisdiction
Probate and estates, special proceedings (condemnations, adoptions, partitions, foreclosures, etc.)
Clerks of Superior Court
(100)
Magistrates
(589)
Original Jurisdiction
Accept certain misdemeanor guilty pleas; worthless check misdemeanors $300 or less; small claims $500 or less

(1) Appeals from the Court of Appeals to the Supreme Court are by right in Utilities Commission general rate cases, cases involving constitutional questions, and cases in which there has been dissent in the Court of Appeals. In its discretion, the Supreme Court may review Court of Appeals decisions in cases of significant public interest or cases involving legal principles of major significance.

(2) Appeals from these agencies lie directly to the Court of Appeals.

(3) Appeals in criminal cases where the defendant has been sentenced to death or life imprisonment go directly to the Supreme Court as a matter of right; in all other criminal cases and in civil cases appeal as of right is to the Court of Appeals. The Supreme Court, in its discretion, may hear appeals directly from the trial court in cases where delay would cause substantial harm or the Court of Appeals docket is unusually full.

THE PRESENT COURT SYSTEM

Article IV of the North Carolina Constitution establishes the General Court of Justice which "shall constitute a unified judicial system for purposes of jurisdiction, operation, and administration, and shall consist of an Appellate Division, a Superior Court Division, and a District Court Division."

The Appellate Division is comprised of the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals.

The Superior Court Division is comprised of the superior courts which hold sessions in the county seats of the 100 counties of the State. The counties are grouped into judicial districts (33 at the present time), and one or more superior court judges are elected for each of the judicial districts. A clerk of the superior court for each county is elected by the voters of the county.

The District Court Division is comprised of the district courts. The General Assembly is authorized to divide the State into a convenient number of local court districts and prescribe where the district courts shall sit, but district court must sit in at least one place in each county. The General Assembly has provided that districts for purposes of the district court are coterminous with superior court judicial districts. The Constitution also provides for one or more magistrates to be appointed in each county "who shall be officers of the district court."

The State Constitution (Art. IV, Sec. 1) also contains the term, "judicial department," stating that "The General Assembly shall have no power to deprive the judicial department of any power or jurisdiction that rightfully pertains to it as a co-ordinate department of the government, nor shall it establish or authorize any courts other than as permitted by this Article." The terms, "General Court of Justice" and "Judicial Department" are almost, but not quite, synonymous. It may be said that the Judicial Department encompasses all of the levels of court designated as the General Court of Justice plus all administrative and ancillary services within the Judicial Department.

The original jurisdictions and routes of appeal between the several levels of court in North Carolina's system of courts are illustrated in the chart on the opposite page.

Criminal Cases

Trial of misdemeanor cases is within the original jurisdiction of the district courts. Some misdemeanor offenses are tried by magistrates, who are also empowered to accept pleas of guilty to certain offenses and impose fines in accordance with a schedule set by the Conference of Chief District Court Judges. Most trials of misdemeanors are by district court judges, who also hold preliminary, "probable cause" hearings in felony cases. Trial of felony cases is within the jurisdiction of the superior courts.

Decisions of magistrates may be appealed to the district court judge. In criminal cases there is no trial by jury available at the district court level; appeal from the district courts' judgments in criminal cases is to the superior courts for trial *de novo* before a jury. Except in life-imprisonment or death sentence cases (which are appealed to the Supreme Court), appeal from the superior courts is to the Court of Appeals.

Civil Cases

The 100 clerks of superior court are *ex officio* judges of probate and have original jurisdiction in probate and estates matters. The clerks also have jurisdiction over such special proceedings as adoptions, partitions, condemnations under the authority of eminent domain, and foreclosures. Rulings of the clerk may be appealed to the superior court.

The district courts have original jurisdiction in juvenile proceedings, domestic relations cases, petitions for involuntary commitment to a mental hospital, and general civil cases where the amount in litigation is $5,000 or less. If the amount in litigation is $500* or less and the plaintiff in the case so requests, the chief district court judge may assign the case for initial hearing by a magistrate. Magistrates' decisions may be appealed to the district court. Trial by jury for civil cases is available in the district courts; appeal from the judgment of a district court in a civil case is to the North Carolina Court of Appeals.

The superior courts are the proper courts for trial of general civil cases where the amount of litigation is more than $5,000. Appeals from decisions of most administrative agencies is first within the jurisdiction of the superior courts. Appeal from the superior courts in civil cases is to the Court of Appeals.

Administration

The North Carolina Supreme Court has the "general power to supervise and control the proceedings of any of the other courts of the General Court of Justice" (G.S. 7A-32(b)).

In addition to this grant of general supervisory power, the North Carolina General Statutes provide certain Judicial Department officials with specific powers and responsibilities for the operation of the court system. The Supreme Court has the responsibility for prescribing rules of practice and procedures for the appellate courts and for prescribing rules for the trial courts to supplement those prescribed by statute. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court designates one of the judges of the Court of Appeals to be its Chief Judge, who in turn is responsible for scheduling the sessions of the Court of Appeals.

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* Increased to $800 effective October 1, 1979 (G.S. 7A-210).

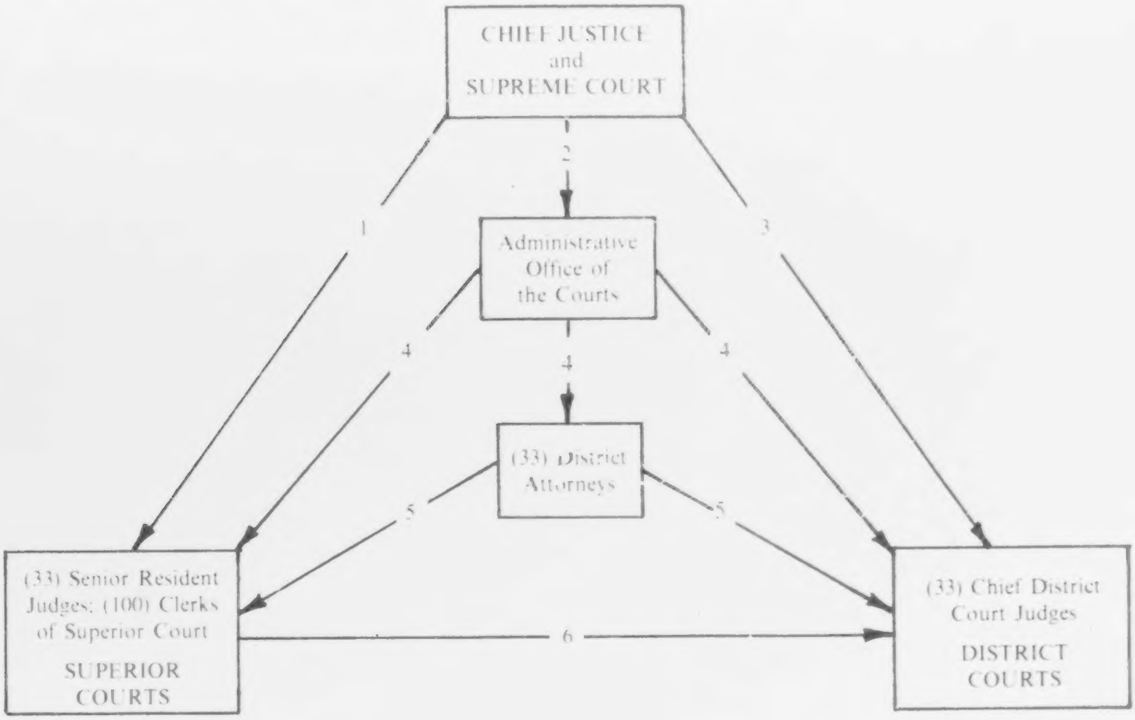
THE PRESENT COURT SYSTEM

The chart on the following page illustrates specific responsibilities for administration of the trial courts vested in Judicial Department officials by statute. The Chief Justice appoints both the Director and Assistant Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts; the Assistant Director also serves as the Chief Justice's administrative assistant. The schedule of sessions of superior court in the 100 counties is set by the Supreme Court; assignment of the State's rotating superior court judges is the responsibility of the Chief Justice. Finally, the Chief Justice designates a chief district court judge for each of the State's 33 judicial districts from among the elected district court judges of the respective districts. These judges have special responsibilities for the scheduling of the district courts and magistrates' courts within their respective districts, as well as general local-level administrative responsibilities.

The Administrative Office of the Courts is responsible for direction of the non-judicial, administrative and business affairs of the Judicial Department. Included among its functions are fiscal management, personnel direction, information and statistical services, supervision of record keeping in the trial court clerks' offices, liaison with the legislative and executive departments of government, court facility evaluation, purchase and contract, education and training, coordination of the program for provision of legal counsel to indigent persons, juvenile probation and after-care, trial court administrator services, planning, and general administrative services.

The clerk of superior court in each county acts as clerk for both the superior and district courts. In most counties the clerk is also chairman of the county's calendar committee, which sets the civil case calendar. (In a few districts these committees have been abolished with the advent of the "trial court administrator" program now being tested.) The criminal case calendars in both superior and district courts are set by the district attorney of the respective district.

PRINCIPAL ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITIES FOR NORTH CAROLINA TRIAL COURTS



[1] The Supreme Court has general supervisory authority over the operations of the superior courts (as well as other trial courts). The schedule of superior courts is approved by the Supreme Court; assignments of superior court judges, who rotate from district to district, are the responsibility of the Chief Justice.

[2] Both the Director and Assistant Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts are appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Chief Justice.

[3] The Supreme Court has general supervisory authority over the operations of the district courts (as well as other trial courts). The Chief Justice appoints a chief district court judge in each of the 33 judicial districts from the judges elected in the respective districts.

[4] The Administrative Office of the Courts is empowered to prescribe a variety of rules governing the operation of the offices of the 100 clerks of superior court, and to obtain statistical data and other information from officials in the Judicial Department.

[5] The district attorney sets the criminal-case trial calendars. In each district, the senior resident superior court judge and the chief district court judge are empowered to supervise the calendaring procedures for civil cases in their respective courts.

[6] In addition to certain judicial functions, the clerk of superior court performs administrative, fiscal and record-keeping functions for both the superior court and district court of his county. Magistrates, who serve under the supervision of the chief district court judge, are appointed by the senior resident superior court judge from nominees submitted by the clerk of superior court.

THE SUPREME COURT OF NORTH CAROLINA[1]

Chief Justice
SUSIE SHARP[2]

Associate Justices

JOSEPH BRANCH[3]
J. FRANK HUSKINS
J. WILLIAM COPELAND
JAMES G. EXUM, JR.
DAVID M. BRITT
WALTER E. BROCK

Retired Chief Justice
WILLIAM H. BOBBITT

Retired Justices

J. WILL PLESS, JR.
CARLISLE W. HIGGINS
I. BEVERLY LAKE
DAN K. MOORE

Clerk
John R. Morgan

Librarian
Frances H. Hall

[1] As of 30 June 1979.
[2] Retired 31 July 1979.
[3] Appointed Chief Justice 1 August 1979. Court of Appeals Judge J. Phil Carlton was appointed Associate Justice 2 August 1979.

THE SUPREME COURT

At the apex of the General Court of Justice is the seven-member Supreme Court, which sits in Raleigh to consider and decide questions of law presented in civil and criminal cases appealed from the lower courts. The Chief Justice and six associate justices are elected to eight-year terms by popular vote. There are two terms of the Supreme Court each year: a Spring Term commencing on the first Tuesday in February and a Fall Term commencing on the first Tuesday in September. The Court sits only *en banc*.

Jurisdiction

The only original jurisdiction exercised by the Supreme Court is over the censure and removal of judges upon the (non-binding) recommendations of the Judicial Standards Commission. The Court's appellate jurisdiction includes: cases on appeal by right from the Court of Appeals (Utilities Commission general rate-setting cases, cases involving constitutional questions, and cases in which there has been dissent in the Court of Appeals); cases on appeal by right from the superior courts (criminal cases in which the defendant has been sentenced to death or to life imprisonment); and cases in which review has been granted in the Supreme Court's discretion (cases of significant public interest and cases involving legal principles of major significance to North Carolina jurisprudence). Discretionary review by the Supreme Court directly from the trial courts may be granted when delay would likely cause substantial harm or when the workload of the Appellate Division is such that the expeditious administration of justice requires it; most appeals are heard only after review by the Court of Appeals. Discretionary review may also be granted when the decision of the Court of Appeals in a case appears likely to be in conflict with a decision of the Supreme Court.

Administration

The Supreme Court has general power to supervise and control the proceedings of the other courts of the General Court of Justice. The court has specific power to prescribe the rules of practice for the Appellate Division and supplementary rules of practice and procedure for the trial court divisions consistent with the rules prescribed by the General Assembly. The schedule of superior court sessions in the 100 counties is approved, yearly, by the Supreme Court. The members of the North Carolina Judicial Planning Committee are appointed by, and serve at the pleasure of, the Supreme Court, as are the Clerk of the Supreme Court, the Librarian of the Supreme Court, and the Appellate Division Reporter.

The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court appoints both the Director and Assistant Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts, who serve at his pleasure. He also designates a Chief Judge from among the judges of the Court of Appeals and a Chief District Court Judge from among the judges in each of the State's 33 judicial districts. He assigns superior court judges, who regularly rotate from district to district, to the scheduled sessions of superior court in the 100 counties, and is also empowered to transfer district court judges to other districts for temporary or specialized duty. The Chief Justice (or another member of the Supreme Court designated by him) is the chairman of the Judicial Council, and two superior court judges, one district court judge and two district attorneys are appointed to two-year terms on the Council by the Chief Justice. He also appoints three of the seven members of the Judicial Standards Commission, a judge of the Court of Appeals who serves as the Commission's chairman, one superior court judge and one district court judge.

Operations of the Court, 1978-79

Operating expenses of the Supreme Court during the 1978-79 fiscal year ending June 30, 1979 amounted to $1,173,674, an increase of 10.9% over the 1977-78 fiscal year which had expenditures of $1,057,897. Expenditures for the Supreme Court during 1978-79 constituted 1.9% of all General Fund expenditures for the operation of the entire Judicial Department during that fiscal year.

During the 1978 Fall Term and the 1979 Spring Term a total of 69 cases were brought forward from previous terms and 188 new cases were docketed, for a total of 257 cases before the Court during this period. During these two terms 23 cases were withdrawn or dismissed, opinions were filed in 162 cases, and at the end of the 1979 Spring Term 19 cases were carried forward to the following term. During these two terms a total of 499 petitions were filed and 65 petitions were allowed. (See Part IV of this *Annual Report* for more detail on caseload activity before the Supreme Court.)

THE COURT OF APPEALS OF NORTH CAROLINA[1]

Chief Judge

NAOMI E. MORRIS

Judges

FRANK M. PARKER
R. A. HEDRICK
EARL W. VAUGHN
ROBERT M. MARTIN
EDWARD B. CLARK
GERALD ARNOLD

BURLEY B. MITCHELL, JR.[2]
JOHN WEBB
RICHARD C. ERWIN
HARRY C. MARTIN
J. PHIL CARLTON[3]

Retired Chief Judge

RAYMOND B. MALLARD[4]

Retired Judge

HUGH B. CAMPBELL

Clerk

Francis E. Dail

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[1] As of 30 June 1979.

[2] Resigned 20 August 1979. Judge Cecil J. Hill was appointed to fill Judge Mitchell's unexpired term and took office on 14 September 1979.

[3] Resigned 2 August 1979 upon appointment to the Supreme Court. Judge Hugh A. Wells was appointed to fill Judge Carlton's unexpired term and took office on 20 August 1979.

[4] Deceased 20 July 1979.

THE COURT OF APPEALS

The 12-judge Court of Appeals is North Carolina's intermediate appellate court; it hears a majority of the appeals originating from the trial courts. The Court regularly sits in Raleigh, and it may sit in other locations in the State as authorized by the Supreme Court. Sessions outside of Raleigh have not been regular or frequent. During 1978-1979, panels of the Court of Appeals held three two-day sessions in Winston-Salem. Judges of the Court of Appeals are elected by popular vote for eight-year terms. A Chief Judge for the Court is designated by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and serves in that capacity at the pleasure of the Chief Justice.

Cases are heard by panels of three judges, with the Chief Judge responsible for assigning members of the Court to the four panels. Insofar as practicable, each judge is to be assigned to sit a substantially equal number of times with each other judge. The Chief Judge presides over the panel of which he or she is a member and designates a presiding judge for the other panels.

The Chief Judge (or another member of the Court of Appeals designated by the Chief Judge) is an *ex officio* member of the Judicial Council; and one member of the Court of Appeals, designated by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, serves as chairman of the Judicial Standards Commission.

Jurisdiction

The bulk of the caseload of the Court of Appeals consists of cases appealed from the trial courts. This Court also hears appeals directly from any final order or decision of the North Carolina Utilities Commission, and from certain final orders or decisions of the North Carolina State Bar and the Commissioner of Insurance. Effective September 1, 1979, appeals from certain final orders or decisions of the Property Tax Commission go directly to the Court of Appeals. (Appeals from the decisions of other administrative agencies lie, first, within the jurisdiction of the superior courts.)

Effective April 30, 1979, the General Assembly conferred upon the Chief Judge and the six judges next senior in service on the Court of Appeals jurisdiction to censure or remove from office a Supreme Court justice. Such censure or removal case comes before the seven-member panel of judges upon the non-binding recommendation of the Judicial Standards Commission.

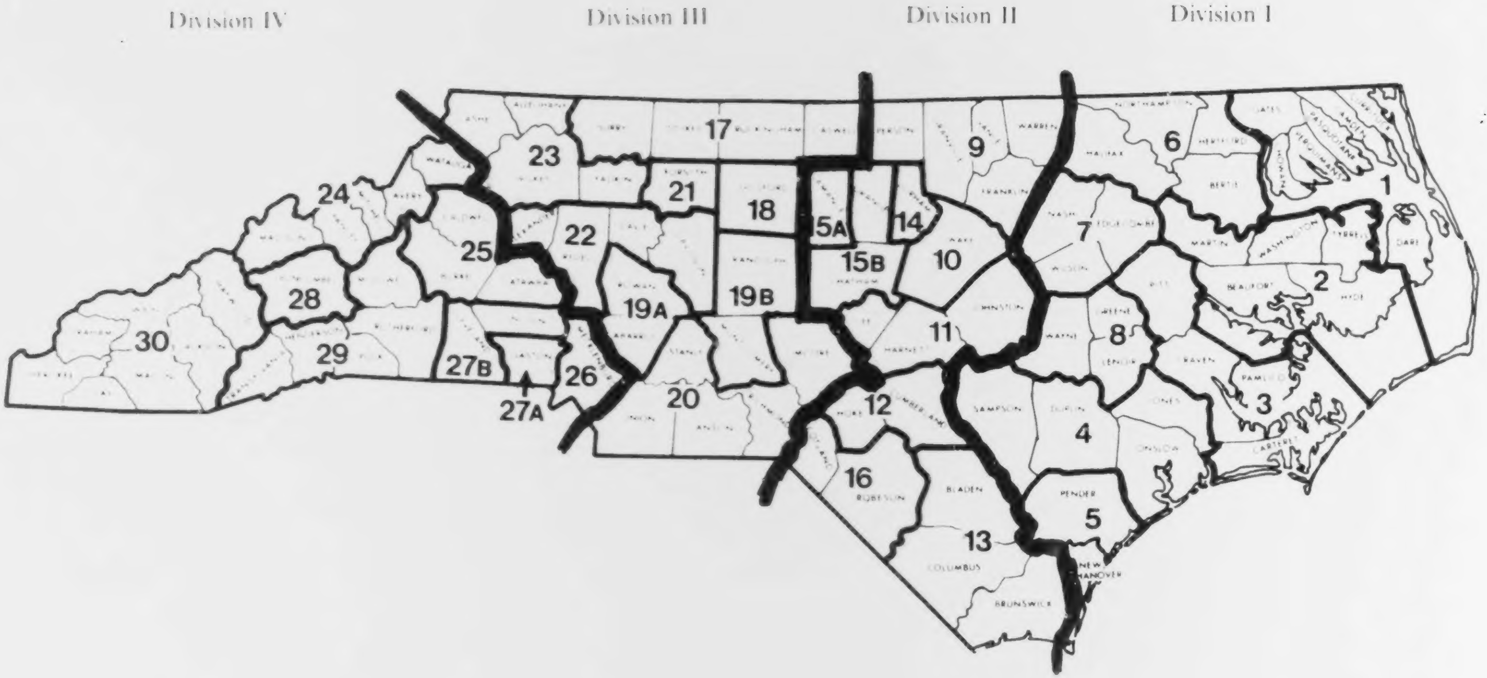
Operations of the Court, 1978-79

Operating expenses of the Court of Appeals during the 1978-79 fiscal year ending June 30, 1979 totalled $1,485,877, an increase of 20.4% over 1977-78 expenditures of $1,233,765. Much of this increase is attributable to the increase (from nine to twelve) in the number of Court of Appeals judges. Expenditures for the Court of Appeals during 1978-79 amounted to 2.4% of all General Fund expenditures for the operation of the entire Judicial Department during that fiscal year.

During the fiscal year July 1, 1978 through June 30, 1979 the Court of Appeals reported dispositions in a total of 1,114 cases. A total of 671 published opinions were filed, of which 230 were in criminal cases and 441 were in civil cases, including appeals from the Insurance Commissioner, the Industrial Commission, and the Utilities Commission.

Dispositions in a total of 443 cases were reported without published opinions, of which 280 were criminal cases and 163 were civil cases.

THE PRESENT COURT SYSTEM



The State is divided into four judicial divisions and thirty-three judicial districts. Regular superior court judges rotate from district to district of the division in which they reside. District court judges rotate from county to county in the district in which they reside.

JUDGES OF SUPERIOR COURT*
(As of June 30, 1979)

DIVISION I

District	
1	J. Herbert Small, Elizabeth City
2	Elbert S. Peel, Jr., Williamston
3	Robert D. Rouse, Jr., Farmville David E. Reid, Jr., Greenville
4	Henry L. Stevens, III, Kenansville James R. Strickland, Jacksonville
5	Bradford Tillery, Wilmington Napoleon B. Barefoot, Wilmington
6	Richard B. Allsbrook, Roanoke Rapids
7	George M. Fountain, Tarboro Franklin R. Brown, Tarboro
8	R. Michael Bruce, Mount Olive James D. Llewellyn, Kinston

DIVISION II

District	
9	Hamilton H. Hobgood, Louisburg
10	James H. Pou Bailey, Raleigh Robert L. Farmer, Raleigh A. Pilston Godwin, Jr., Raleigh Edwin S. Preston, Jr., Raleigh
11	Harry E. Canaday, Benson
12	E. Maurice Braswell, Fayetteville Coy E. Brewer, Jr., Fayetteville D. G. Herring, Jr., Fayetteville
13	Giles R. Clark, Elizabethtown
14	Thomas H. Lee, Durham Anthony M. Brannon, Bahama John C. Martin, Durham
15A	D. Marsh McLelland, Burlington
15B	F. Gordon Battle, Chapel Hill
16	Henry A. McKinnon, Jr., Lumberton

DIVISION III

District	
17	James M. Long, Yanceyville
18	Charles T. Kivett, Greensboro W. Douglas Albright, Greensboro Edward K. Washington, Greensboro
19A	Thomas W. Seay, Jr., Spencer James C. Davis, Concord
19B	Hal H. Walker, Asheboro
20	John D. McConnell, Southern Pines F. Fetzer Mills, Wadesboro
21	Harvey A. Lupton, Winston-Salem William Z. Wood, Winston-Salem
22	Robert A. Collier, Jr., Statesville Peter W. Hairston, Advance
23	Julius A. Rosseau, Jr., North Wilkesboro

DIVISION IV

District	
24	Ronald W. Howell, Marshall
25	Sam J. Ervin, III, Morganton Forrest A. Ferrell, Hickory
26	Frank W. Snepp, Jr., Charlotte Robert M. Burroughs, Charlotte Kenneth A. Griffin, Charlotte William T. Grist, Charlotte Clifton E. Johnson, Charlotte
27A	Robert W. Kirby, Cherryville Robert E. Gaines, Gastonia
27B	John R. Friday, Lincolnton
28	Robert D. Lewis, Asheville C. Walter Allen, Asheville
29	J. W. Jackson, Hendersonville
30	Lacy H. Thornburg, Webster

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* In districts with more than one resident judge, the senior resident judge is listed first

SPECIAL JUDGES OF SUPERIOR COURT

Ronald Barbee, Greensboro
Robert R. Browning, Greenville
Robert L. Gavin, Pinehurst
William Thomas Graham, Winston-Salem
Harry L. Riddle, Jr., Morganton
David I. Smith, Burlington
Donald L. Smith, Raleigh
Ralph A. Walker, Greensboro

THE SUPERIOR COURTS

North Carolina's superior courts are principally original-jurisdiction trial courts which also perform some appellate functions. In 1978-79 there were 58 "resident" superior court judges elected to office in the 33 judicial districts, for eight-year terms by Statewide ballot, and eight "special" superior court judges, appointed to office by the Governor for four-year terms.

Jurisdiction

The superior court has original jurisdiction in all felony cases and in those misdemeanor cases which originate by grand jury indictment. (Most misdemeanors are tried first in the district court, from which they may be appealed to the superior court for trial *de novo* by a jury. No trial by jury is available for criminal cases in district court.) The superior court is the proper court for trial of civil cases where the amount in controversy exceeds $5,000, and this court has jurisdiction over appeals from all administrative agencies except the Utilities Commission, Industrial Commission, certain rulings of the Commissioner of Insurance, and the Board of Bar Examiners of the N.C. State Bar. Appeals from these agencies lie directly to the Court of Appeals. Regardless of the amount in controversy, the original civil jurisdiction of the superior court does not include domestic relations cases, which are heard in the district courts, or probate and estates matters and certain special proceedings heard first by the clerk of superior court as *ex officio* judge of probate. Rulings of the clerk are within the appeallate jurisidiction of the superior court.

Administration

The 100 counties of North Carolina are grouped into 33 judicial districts. Each district has at least one resident superior court judge who has certain administrative responsibilities for his home district, such as providing for civil case-calendaring procedures (criminal case calendars are the responsibility of the district attorneys). In districts with more than one resident superior court jduge, the judge senior in service on the superior court bench exercises these supervisory powers.

The 33 judicial districts are divided into four divisions for the rotation of superior court judges. Within his division, a resident superior court judge is required to rotate through the judicial districts, holding court for at least six months in each, then moving on to another district. A special superior court judge may be assigned to hold court in any of the 100 counties. Assignments of all superior court judges are made by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. Under the Constitution of North Carolina, at least two sessions (a week each) of superior court are held annually in each of the 100 counties. The vast majority of counties have more than the Constitutional minimum of two weeks of superior court annually. Many larger counties have superior court in session about every week in the year.

Resources

A total of $12,377,669 was expended for operation of the superior courts during the 1978-79 fiscal year, an increase of 18.5% over 1977-78 expenditures of $10,443,645. This total includes expenditures for the State's district attorneys' offices as well as the salaries and operating expenses of the 66 superior court judges, court reporters in the superior courts, and staff support. The 1978-79 total amounted to 19.9% of the General Fund expenditures for operating expenses of the entire Judicial Department.

1978-79 Caseload

Including both civil and criminal cases, a total of 68,625 cases were filed in the superior courts during the period July 1, 1978 through June 30, 1979. As the white bars in the chart below illustrate,-superior court case findings have been increasing: the 1978-79 total is 5.9% higher than the total of 64,819 cases filed during the 1978 calendar year and 11.3% higher than the 1977 total of 61,665 cases filed.

A total of 65,911 superior court cases were disposed of during 1978-79. Like filings, dispositions (shown in the black bars in the first chart on the following page) have been increasing: the total for the 1978-79 fiscal year is 6.8% higher than the figure of 61,713 cases disposed of during calendar year 1978 and 10.9% higher than the 59,434 cases disposed of during calendar year 1977.[*]

The numbers of superior court cases, both civil and criminal, which have remained pending at the end of the last five annual reporting periods are illustrated in the second chart on the following page. A total of 35,172 cases were pending on June 30, 1979, a 2.9% reduction from the total pending on December 31, 1978 36,214 cases. As the chart illustrates, however, the general trend over the past four and one-half years has been one of increases in the numbers of superior court cases pending at year end.

More detailed information on superior court civil and criminal caseloads is contained in Part IV of this *Report*.

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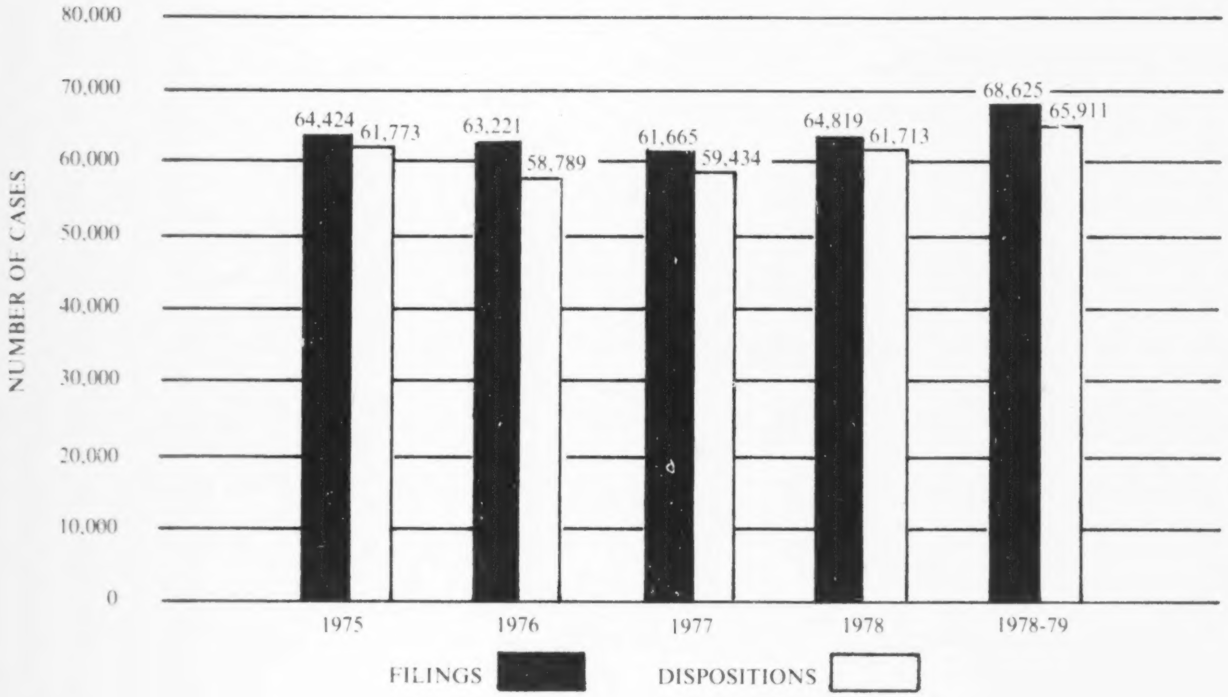
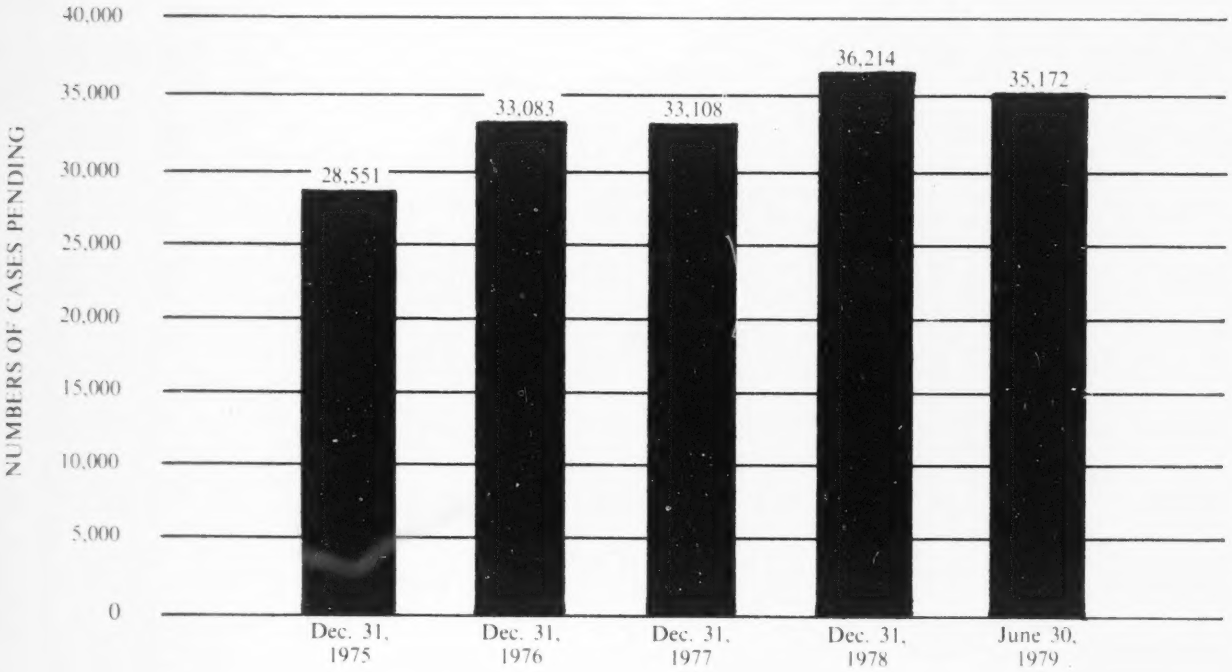
[*] The data in the chart are for calendar years 1975 through 1978 and for fiscal year 1978-79. To facilitate comparisons and depict recent trends in case filings and dispositions, cases filed or disposed of between July 1 and December 31, 1978, are included in both the figures for calendar year 1978 and the figures for fiscal year 1978-79.

SUPERIOR COURT CASE FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS, 1975 — 1978-79



SUPERIOR COURT CASES PENDING AT YEAR END, 1975 — 1978-79



THE SUPERIOR COURTS

Educational Activity

Utilizing LEAA grant funds, the Judicial Department sponsored the following educational activities for superior court judges in 1978-79:

- the Fall Continuing Education Conference, October 19-21 in Asheville, attended by 45 judges;
- an orientation session for new judges, December 1-2 at the Institute of Government in Chapel Hill, attended by five new judges;
- the Spring Seminar, March 29-31 in Charlotte, attended by 56 judges; and
- the annual meeting of the Conference of Superior Court Judges, June 17-20 in Asheville, attended by 54 judges.

The Conference of Superior Court Judges
(Officers as of June 30, 1979)

James H. Pou Bailey, Raleigh, *President*

John D. McConnell, Southern Pines,
President-Elect

A. Pilston Godwin, Jr., Raleigh, *Vice President*

F. Gordon Battle, Chapel Hill,
Secretary-Treasurer

Henry L. Stevens, III, Kenansville, and
Forrest A. Ferrell, Hickory,
Additional Executive Committee Members

DISTRICT COURT JUDGES*
(As of June 30, 1979)

District	
1	John T. Chaffin, Elizabeth City
	Grafton G. Beaman, Elizabeth City
2	Hallett S. Ward, Washington
	Charles H. Manning, Williamston
3	Charles H. Whedbee, Greenville
	E. Burt Aycock, Jr., Greenville
	Herbert O. Phillips, III, Morehead City
	Norris C. Reed, Jr., New Bern
	Robert D. Wheeler, Grifton
4	Kenneth W. Turner, Rose Hill
	E. Alex Erwin, III, Jacksonville
	Walter P. Henderson, Trenton
	Stephen M. Williamson, Kenansville
5	Gilbert H. Burnett, Wilmington
	Charles H. Rice, III, Wilmington
	John M. Walker, Wilmington
6	Joseph D. Blythe, Harrellsville
	Nicholas Long, Roanoke Rapids
	Robert E. Williford, Lewiston
7	George Britt, Tarboro
	Allen W. Harrell, Wilson
	Tom H. Matthews, Rocky Mount
	Ben H. Neville, Whitakers
8	J. Patrick Exum, Kinston
	Kenneth R. Ellis, Fremont
	Herbert W. Hardy, Maury
	Arnold O. Jones, Goldsboro
	Paul M. Wright, Goldsboro
9	Claude W. Allen, Jr., Oxford
	Ben U. Allen, Jr., Henderson
	J. Larry Senter, Franklinton
	Charles W. Wilkinson, Oxford
10	George F. Bason, Raleigh
	Henry V. Barnette, Jr., Raleigh
	Stafford G. Bullock, Raleigh
	George R. Greene, Raleigh
	John Hill Parker, Raleigh
	Russell G. Sherrill, III, Raleigh
11	Elton C. Pridgen, Smithfield
	William Christian, Sanford
	K. Edward Greene, Dunn
	W. Pope Lyon, Smithfield
12	Derb S. Carter, Fayetteville
	Sol G. Cherry, Fayetteville
	Joseph E. Dupree, Raeford
	Charles Lee Guy, Fayetteville
	Lacy S. Hair, Fayetteville
13	Frank T. Grady, Elizabethtown
	J. Wilton Hunt, Sr., Whiteville
	William E. Wood, Whiteville
14	J. Milton Read, Jr., Durham
	David Q. LaBarre, Durham
	William G. Pearson, II, Durham
15A	J. B. Allen, Jr., Burlington
	Thomas D. Cooper, Jr., Burlington
	W. S. Harris, Jr., Graham
15B	Stanley Peele, Chapel Hill
	Donald L. Paschal, Siler City
16	Samuel E. Britt, Lumberton
	B. Craig Ellis, Laurinburg
	John S. Gardner, Lumberton
	Charles G. McLean, Lumberton
17	Leonard H. van Noppen, Danbury
	Foy Clark, Mt. Airy
	Jerry Cash Martin, Mt. Airy
	Peter M. McHugh, Reidsville
18	Robert L. Cecil, High Point
	Elreta M. Alexander, Greensboro
	Frank A. Campbell, Greensboro
	B. Gordon Gentry, Greensboro
	John B. Hatfield, Jr., Greensboro
	James Samuel Pfaff, Greensboro
	Joseph A. Williams, Greensboro
	John F. Yeattes, Jr., Greensboro
19A	Robert L. Warren, Concord
	L. Frank Faggart, Kannapolis
	Adam C. Grant, Jr., Concord
	Frank M. Montgomery, Salisbury
19B	L. T. Hammond, Jr., Asheboro
	William H. Heafner, Asheboro
20	Donald R. Huffman, Wadesboro
	Ronald W. Burris, Albemarle
	Kenneth W. Honeycutt, Monroe
	Walter M. Lampley, Rockingham

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*The Chief District Court Judge for each district is listed first.

DISTRICT COURT JUDGES*
(As of June 30, 1979)

District

21 Abner Alexander, Winston-Salem
William H. Freeman, Winston-Salem
James A. Harrill, Jr., Winston-Salem
Robert Kason Keiger, Winston-Salem
Gary B. Tash, Winston-Salem

22 Lester P. Martin, Jr., Mocksville
Preston Cornelius, Mooresville
Robert W. Johnson, Statesville
Hubert E. Olive, Jr., Lexington

23 Ralph Davis, North Wilkesboro
John T. Kilby, Jefferson
Samuel T. Osborne, Wilkesboro

24 J. Ray Braswell, Newland
Robert H. Lacey, Newland

25 Livingston Vernon, Morganton
Edward J. Crotty, Hickory
Bill J. Martin, Hickory
L. Oliver Noble, Jr., Hickory
Samuel McD. Tate, Morganton

26 Chase B. Saunders, Charlotte
P. B. Beachum, Jr., Charlotte
Walter H. Bennett, Jr., Charlotte
Larry Thomas Black, Charlotte
L. Stanley Brown, Charlotte
Daphene L. Cantrell, Charlotte
William G. Jones, Charlotte
James E. Lanning, Charlotte

District

27A Lewis Bulwinkle, Gastonia
Berlin H. Carpenter, Jr., Gastonia
J. Ralph Phillips, Gastonia
Donald E. Ramseur, Gastonia

27B A. Max Harris, Ellenboro
George W. Hamrick, Shelby

28 James O. Israel, Jr., Candler
Earl J. Fowler, Jr., Arden
Peter L. Roda, Asheville
William Marion Styles, Black Mountain

29 Robert C. Cash, Brevard
Zoro J. Guice, Jr., Hendersonville
Hollis M. Owens, Jr., Rutherfordton

30 Robert Leatherwood, III, Bryson City
J. Charles McDarris, Waynesville
John J. Snow, Jr., Murphy

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*The Chief District Court Judge for each district is listed first.

THE DISTRICT COURTS

North Carolina's district courts are trial courts with original jurisdiction of the overwhelming majority of the cases handled by the State's court system. There were 126 district court judgeships at the begining of 1978-79; one additional judgeship was created with the division, effective January 1, 1979, of District 19 into Districts 19A and 19B. District court judges are elected to four-year terms by the voters of their respective districts.

A total of 589 magistrate positions (some part-time) were authorized in 1978-79. Magistrates are appointed by the senior resident superior court judge from nominations submitted by the clerk of superior court of their county, and are supervised by the chief district court judge of their district.

Jurisdiction

The jurisdiction of the district court extends to virtually all misdemeanor cases, probable cause hearings in most felony cases, all juvenile proceedings, involuntary commitments and re-commitments to mental hospitals, domestic relations cases, and to general civil cases where the amount in controversy is $5,000 or less. Upon the plantiff's request, a civil case where the amount in controversy is $500* or less may be denominated a "small claims" case and assigned by the chief district court judge to a magistrate for hearing. Magistrates are also empowered to try worthless check criminal cases when the value of the check does not exceed $300** and the offender has fewer than four previous worthless check convictions; magistrates may also accept waivers of appearances and pleas of guilty in certain traffic cases. Magistrates conduct initial hearings to fix conditions of release for arrested offenders and are empowered to issue arrest and search warrants.

Administration

A chief district court judge is appointed for each judicial district by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court from among the elected judges in the respective districts. Subject to the Chief Justice's general supervision, each chief judge exercises administrative supervision and authority over the operation of the district courts and magistrates in his district. Each chief judge is responsible for: scheduling sessions of district court and assigning judges; supervising the calendaring of civil cases; assigning matters to magistrates; making arrangements for court reporting and jury trials in civil cases; and supervising the discharge of the clerical functions, in the district courts, of the clerks of superior court of the district.

The 33 chief district judges meet in conference at least once a year upon the call of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. Among other matters, this annual conference adopts a uniform schedule of traffic offenses and fines for their violation for use by magistrates and clerks of court in accepting defendants' waivers of appearance and guilty pleas.

The Conference of Chief District Court Judges
(Officers as of June 30, 1979)

J. B. Allen, Jr., Burlington, *President*

John B. Chaffin, Elizabeth City, *Vice President*

Resources

A total of $12,745,520 was expended for operating expenses of the district courts in 1978-79, an increase of 14.9% over 1977-78 expenditures of $11,095,953. Included in the total are expenses of court reporters for district courts as well as personnel costs of district court judges and magistrates. The 1978-79 total is 20.5% of the General Fund expenditures for operation of the entire Judicial Department.

1978-79 Caseload

Including both civil and criminal cases, a total of 1,432,067 cases were filed in the district courts from July 1, 1978 through June 30, 1979. As the black bars in the first chart on the following page illustrate, district court case filings have varied from year to year in the last four and one-half years, with the overall trend being one of gradual increase. The 1978-79 total of 1,432,067 cases filed is less than one percent fewer than the total of 1,440,378 cases filed during the 1978 calendar year, but almost seven percent more than the 1975 filings total of 1,340,556 cases.

A total of 1,402,518 district court cases were disposed of during 1978-79. Figures for total dispositions over the last four and one-half years, illustrated by the white bars in the chart following, have varied up and down with the variations in case filings. The total of 1,402,518 cases disposed of during 1978-79 is less than one percent below the total of 1,407,360 cases disposed of during the 1978 calendar year, but about six percent above the 1975 dispositions total of 1,322,359 cases.

The numbers of district court cases, both civil and criminal, which remained pending at the end of the last five annual reporting periods are shown in the second chart on the following page. A total of 244,922 cases were pending on June 30, 1979, a slight increase (about one percent) over the 242,520 cases pending as of December 31, 1978.

More detailed information on district court civil and criminal caseloads is contained in Part IV of this Report.

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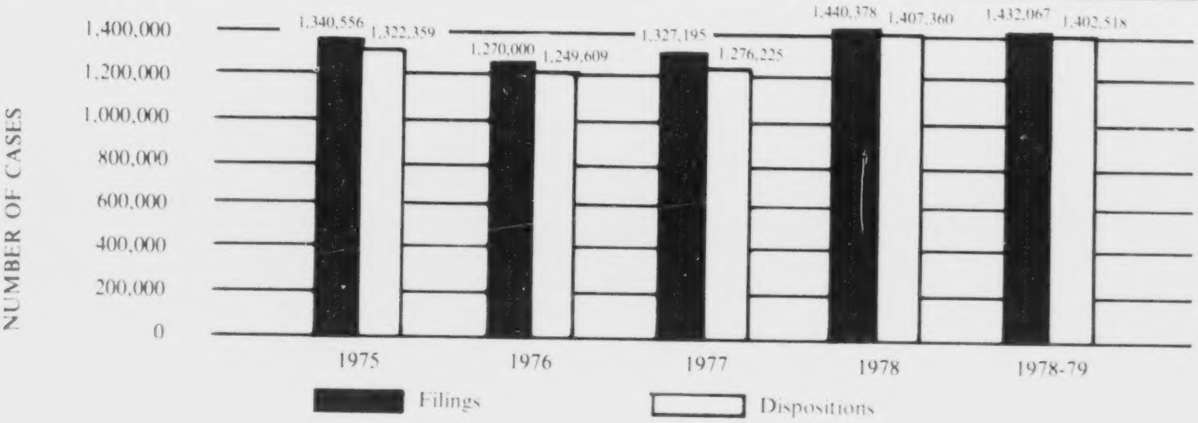
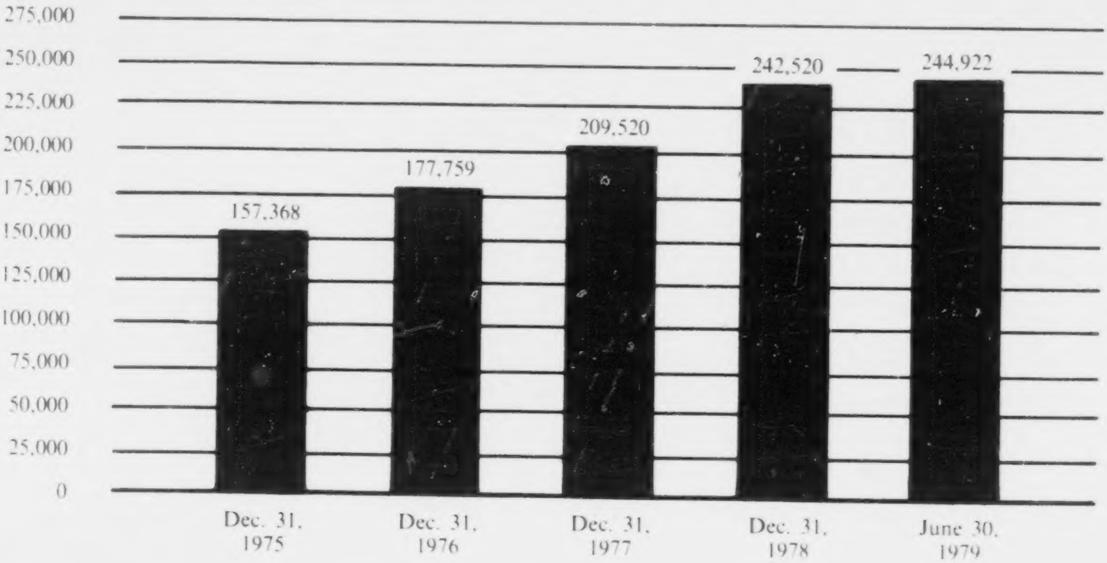
* Increased to $800, effective October 1, 1979 (G.S. 7A-210).

** Increased to $400, effective October 1, 1979 (G.S. 7A-273).

DISTRICT COURT CASE FILINGS AND DISPOSITION, 1975 — 1978-79*



DISTRICT COURT CASES PENDING AT YEAR END, 1975 — 1978-79



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*The data in this chart are for calendar years 1975 through 1978 and for fiscal year 1978-79. To facilitate comparisons and depict recent trends in case filings and dispositions, cases filed or disposed of between July 1 and December 31, 1978, are included in both the figures for calendar year 1978 and the figures for fiscal year 1978-79.

Juvenile cases and district court hearings relating to involuntary commitments or recommitments to mental hospitals are not included in these figures; these matters were not reported to AOC by case-numbers and filing and disposition dates during 1978-79. Some data on these proceedings are available: see Section 3 of Part IV (juvenile cases) and "Cost and Case Data on Representation of Indigents" in Part III (commitment and recommitment hearings).

THE DISTRICT COURTS

Educational Activity

Utilizing LEAA grant funds, the Judicial Department sponsored the following educational activities for district court judges in 1978-79:

- a conference on juveniles and learning disabilities, September 15-16 in Burlington, attended by 32 judges;
- the district judges' Fall Seminar, October 19-21 in Asheville, attended by 87 judges;
- three orientation sessions for new judges, January 5-6, January 19-20 and February 16-17 at the Institute of Government in Chapel Hill, attended by a total of 12 new judges and appointees;
- a conference on commitment of juveniles to training schools, March 30-31 in Durham, attended by 43 judges; and
- the Summer Seminar of the Association of District Court Judges, June 17-20 in Charlotte, attended by 95 judges.

By statute, new magistrates are required to satisfactorily complete a course of basic training of at least 40 hours within six months of taking office. Two sessions of this course were offered at the Institute of Government in Chapel Hill in 1978-79. The first (July 17-21 and July 31-August 4) was attended by 24 new magistrates; the second (February 5-9 and February 12-16) was attended by 52 new magistrates.

The Judicial Department also sponsored:

- the Fall Meeting of the Magistrates Association, October 16-18 in Asheville, attended by 102 magistrates;
- three sessions of a refresher course, October 23 in Chapel Hill (86 magistrates), October 30 in Greenville (38 magistrates), and November 10 in Fayetteville (30 magistrates); and
- the Spring Meeting of the Magistrates Association, May 14-16 in Raleigh, attended by 70 magistrates.

The Association of District Court Judges
(Officers as of June 30, 1978)

John M. Walker, Wilmington, *President*

Samuel E. Britt, Lumberton, *Vice President*

Robert J. Leatherwood, III, Bryson City,
Secretary-Treasurer

Hubert E. Olive, Lexington, and
Robert D. Wheeler, Grifton,
Additional Executive Committee Members

DISTRICT ATTORNEYS
(As of June 30, 1979)

District	
1	THOMAS S. WATTS, Elizabeth City
2	WILLIAM C. GRIFFIN, JR., Williamston
3	ELI BLOOM, Greenville
4	WILLIAM H. ANDREWS, Jacksonville
5	W. ALLEN COBB, Wilmington
6	W. H. S. BURGWYN, JR., Woodland
7	HOWARD S. BONEY, JR., Tarboro
8	DONALD JACOBS, Goldsboro
9	DAVID R. WATERS, Oxford
10	J. RANDOLPH RILEY, Raleigh
11	JOHN W. TWISDALE, Smithfield
12	EDWARD W. GRANNIS, JR., Fayetteville
13	LEE J. GREER, Whiteville
14	DAN K. EDWARDS, JR., Durham
15A	HERBERT F. PIERCE, Graham
15B	WADE BARBER, JR., Pittsboro
16	JOE FREEMAN BRITT, Lumberton
17	FRANKLIN E. FREEMAN, JR., Reidsville
18	MICHAEL A. SCHLOSSER, Greensboro
19A	JAMES E. ROBERTS, Concord
19B	RUSSELL G. WALKER, JR., Asheboro
20	CARROLL LOWDER, Monroe
21	DONALD K. TISDALE, Winston-Salem
22	H. W. ZIMMERMAN, JR., Lexington
23	MICHAEL A. ASHBURN, North Wilkesboro
24	CLYDE M. ROBERTS, Marshall
25	DONALD E. GREENE, Newton
26	PETER S. GILCHRIST, Charlotte
27A	JOSEPH G. BROWN, Gastonia
27B	W. HAMPTON CHILDS, JR., Lincolnton
28	RONALD C. BROWN, Asheville
29	M. LEONARD LOWE, Rutherfordton
30	MARCELLUS BUCHANAN, III, Sylva

THE DISTRICT ATTORNEYS

The State is divided into prosecutorial districts which correspond to its judicial districts, and a district attorney is elected by the voters of each of the 33 districts for a four-year term.

Duties

The district attorney represents the State in all criminal actions brought in the superior and district courts in his district. In addition to his prosecutorial functions, the district attorney is responsible for calendaring criminal cases for trial.

Resources

Each district attorney is authorized to employ, on a full-time basis, the number of assistant district attorneys specified by statute for his district. As of June 30, 1979, a total of 179 assistant district attorneys were authorized for the 33 districts, 173 of them paid with State funds and six with federal LEAA funds in three "career criminal prosecution units" in Districts 10, 12 and 26. Including LEAA-funded personnel, the district attorney of District 26 (Mecklenburg County) had the largest staff — 17 assistants; the smallest staffs were in Districts 23 and 24 — two assistant district attorneys in each.

Each district attorney is also authorized to employ, on a full-time basis, an administrative assistant to assist in preparing cases for trial and to expedite the criminal court docket. The district attorney in 18 of the 33 districts is empowered to employ an investigative assistant, to aid in the investigation of cases preparatory to trial.

1978-1979 Caseload

A total of 56,591 criminal cases were filed in superior courts from July 1, 1978 through June 30, 1979; 32,129 of these cases were felonies and 24,462 were misdemeanors on appeal from district courts. Combined with the 17,894 cases pending on July 1, 1978, the district attorneys' superior court caseload for the year totalled 74,485 cases. Of these a total of 54,587 cases (30,979 felonies and 23,608 misdemeanor appeals) were disposed of, 73.3% of the caseload. Still pending in superior courts on June 30, 1979 were 19,898 cases (11,734 felonies and 8,164 misdemeanor appeals), which is an increase of 11.2% over the number pending on July 1, 1978.

In district courts, a total of 1,152,519 criminal cases were filed during 1978-79 (796,227 motor vehicle cases and 356,292 other criminal cases). A total of 136,288 cases were pending as of July 1, 1978; this figure, combined with cases filed during the year, totalled 1,288,807 criminal cases to be handled in district court. This cannot be regarded as the district attorneys' "caseload," however, for many district court criminal cases are disposed of by defendant's waiver of appearance and plea of guilty before a magistrate or clerk of superior court staff, and these cases do not require the district attorneys' attention. A total of 522,452 cases were disposed of by waiver in 1978-79, and an additional 24,204 cases which were filed in 1978-79 were disposed of by waiver after June 30, 1979; when these are excluded, the district attorneys' district court caseload for the year totalled 742,151 cases. Of these, 612,187 were disposed of, 82.5% of the caseload. As of June 30, 1979, 154,168 criminal cases were pending in the district courts of the State, an increase of 13.1% over the number pending on July 1, 1978.

Additional information on the district attorneys' superior court and district court caseloads is included in Sections 2 and 3, respectively, of Part IV of this *Report*.

THE DISTRICT ATTORNEYS

Educational Activity

Utilizing LEAA grant funds, the Judicial Department sponsored the following educational activities for district attorneys and their staffs in 1978-79:

- a conference for administrative assistants, August 29-31 at the Institute of Government in Chapel Hill, attended by 20 administrative assistants, one investigative assistant, and one secretary;
- an orientation session for new prosecutors, October 17-20 at the Institute of Government in Chapel Hill, attended by 24 new assistant district attorneys, one administrative assistant, and one investigative assistant;
- the Fall Conference of the District Attorneys Association, October 26-28 in Chapel Hill, attended by 11 district attorneys and 71 assistant district attorneys;
- a seminar on homicide for prosecutors, March 19-23 in Chapel Hill, attended by 16 district attorneys, 58 assistant district attorneys, and two investigative assistants; and
- the June Conference of the District Attorneys Association, June 17-20 near Charlotte, attended by 16 district attorneys, 76 assistant district attorneys, and one administrative assistant.

The District Attorneys Association
(Officers as of June 30, 1979)

Peter S. Gilchrist, Charlotte, *President*

Thomas S. Watts, Elizabeth City, *Vice President*

Joe Freeman Britt, Lumberton,
Vice President, Legislative Affairs

D. Keith Teague, Elizabeth City,
Secretary-Treasurer

CLERKS OF SUPERIOR COURT
(As of June 30, 1979)

COUNTY	CLERK OF COURT	COUNTY	CLERK OF COURT
Alamance	Louise B. Wilson	Johnston	Will R. Crocker
Alexander	Martha J. Adams	Jones	Ronald H. Metts
Alleghany	Joan B. Atwood	Lee	Sion H. Kelly
Anson	R. Frank Hightower	Lenoir	M. E. Creech
Ashe	Virginia W. Johnson	Lincoln	Nellie L. Bess
Avery	Billy J. Vance	Macon	A. W. Perry
Beaufort	Bessie J. Cherry	Madison	James W. Cody
Bertie	Thomas S. Speight	Martin	Mary K. Wynne
Bladen	Smithy S. Harris	McDowell	Ruth B. Williams
Brunswick	K. Gregory Bellamy	Mecklenburg	Robert M. Blackburn
Buncombe	J. Ray Elingburg	Mitchell	Arthur Ray Ledford
Burke	Major A. Joines	Montgomery	Charles M. Johnson
Cabarrus	Estus B. White	Moore	Charles M. McLeod
Caldwell	Mary Hood Thompson	Nash	Rachel M. Joyner
Camden	Caroline G. Halstead	New Hanover	Louise D. Rehder
Carteret	Mary Austin	Northampton	R. Jennings White, Jr.
Caswell	J. P. Moore	Onslow	Everitte Barbee
Catawba	Eunice W. Mauney	Orange	Frank S. Frederick
Chatham	Janice Oldham	Pamlico	Sadie W. Edwards
Cherokee	Rose Mary Crooke	Pasquotank	Frances W. Thompson
Chowan	Lena M. Leary	Pender	Frances N. Futch
Clay	Ralph A. Allison	Perquimans	W. J. Ward
Cleveland	Ruth S. Dedmon	Person	W. Thomas Humphries
Columbus	Lacy R. Thompson	Pitt	Sandra Gaskins
Craven	Dorothy Pate	Polk	Judy P. Arledge
Cumberland	George T. Griffin	Randolph	John H. Skeen
Currituck	Wiley B. Elliot	Richmond	Miriam F. Greene
Dare	C. S. Meekins	Robeson	Ben G. Floyd, Jr.
Davidson	Hugh Shepherd	Rockingham	Frankie C. Williams
Davie	Delores C. Jordan	Rowan	Francis Glover
Duplin	John A. Johnson	Rutherford	Joan M. Jenkins
Durham	James Leo Carr	Sampson	Charlie T. McCullen
Edgecombe	Curtis Weaver	Scotland	J. Mason McGregor
Forsyth	A. E. Blackburn	Stanly	Joe H. Lowder
Franklin	Ralph S. Knott	Stokes	Robert Miller
Gaston	Betty B. Jenkins	Surry	David J. Beal
Gates	Tobe Daniels, Jr.	Swain	Harold H. Sandlin
Graham	O. W. Hooper, Jr.	Transylvania	Marian M. McMahon
Granville	Mary Ruth C. Nelms	Tyrrell	Jessie L. Spencer
Greene	Cleo W. McKeel	Union	Nola H. Cunningham
Guilford	Joseph E. Slate, Jr.	Vance	Mary Lou M. Barnett
Halifax	J. C. Taylor	Wake	J. Russell Nipper
Harnett	Georgia Lee Brown	Warren	Anne F. Davis
Haywood	William G. Henry	Washington	Louise S. Allen
Henderson	Thomas H. Thompson	Watauga	John T. Bingham
Hertford	Richard T. Vann	Wayne	Shelton Jordan
Hoke	Juanita Edmund	Wilkes	Wayne Roope
Hyde	W. Allen Credle	Wilson	W. A. Boone, Jr.
Iredell	Carl G. Smith	Yadkin	Harold J. Long
Jackson	Frank Watson, Jr.	Yancey	Arnold E. Higgins

THE CLERKS OF SUPERIOR COURT

A Clerk of Superior Court for each county is elected for four-year terms by the voters in each of North Carolina's 100 counties. The Clerk has jurisdiction to hear and decide special proceedings and is, *ex officio*, judge of probate, in addition to performing record-keeping and administrative functions for both the superior and district courts of his county.

Jurisdiction

The original jurisdiction of the clerk of the superior court includes the probate of wills and administration of decedents' estates. It also includes such "special proceedings" as adoptions, condemnations of private property under the public's right of eminent domain, proceedings to establish boundaries, foreclosures, and certain proceedings to administer the estates of minors and incompetent adults. The right of appeal from the clerks' judgments in such cases lies to the superior court.

The clerk of superior court is also empowered to issue search warrants and arrest warrants, subpoenas, and other process necessary to execute the judgments entered in the superior and district courts of his county. For certain misdemeanor criminal offenses, the clerk is authorized to accept defendants' waiver of appearance and plea of guilty and to impose a fine in accordance with a schedule established by the Conference of Chief District Court Judges.

Administration

The clerk of superior court performs administrative duties for both the superior and district courts of his county. Among these duties are the maintenance of court records and indexes, the control and accounting of funds, and the furnishing of information to the Administrative Office of the Courts.

In most of the 100 counties of North Carolina, civil case trial calendars are set by calendar committees chaired by the clerk of superior court. (Criminal case trial calendars are set by the district attorney.) In 1978-79 these committees had been replaced by "trial court administrators" in three judicial districts (Districts 10, 22 and 28) on an experimental basis. Working under the supervision of the senior resident superior court judges these administrators had day-to-day responsibility for the calendaring of superior court civil cases. The 1979 General Assembly provided funds for continued experimentation with this method of calendar administration in 10 of the State's 33 judidicial districts.

Resources

A total of $21,457,921 was expended in 1978-79 for operation of the 100 clerks of superior court offices, an increase of 11.6% over 1977-78 expenditures of $19,224,801. Included in the total were expenditures for jurors' and witnesses' fees, supplies, postage, telephone and office expenses for all local Judicial Department personnel, and the salaries and benefits of the clerks and their staffs. The 1978-79 total made up 34.5% of General Fund expenditures for operating expenses of the entire Judicial Department.

1978-79 Caseload

Filings of estates cases totalled 32,926 cases in 1978-79, an increase of less than one percent over the number (32,602 cases) filed in the 1978 calendar year; filings have increased 3.7% since the 1977 calendar year when 31,742 estates cases were filed. A total of 31,378 estates cases were disposed of in 1978-79, up 1.7% over dispositions in 1978 (30,841 cases) and 7.4% over dispositions in 1977 (29,222 cases). Although rising at a slower rate, filings of estates cases continue to outnumber dispositions and the number of cases pending rose from 47,467 on December 31, 1978, to 48,560 on June 30, 1979 — an increase of 2.3%.

There were 27,799 special proceedings filed in 1978-79, an increase of 2.7% over the 1978 calendar year total of 27,078; compared to the 1977 filings total (27,156 cases), the 1978-79 total is an increase of 2.4%. Dispositions of special proceedings totalled 26,717 cases in 1978-79, a decrease of two percent from the 1978 calendar year total of 27,266 cases and of less than one percent from the 1977 total of 26,888 cases. There were 20,196 special proceedings pending before the clerks as of June 30, 1979, an increase of 1.9% over the total (19,815 cases) pending on December 31, 1978.

More detailed information on the clerks' estates and special proceedings caseloads is included in Part IV of this *Report*.

THE CLERKS OF SUPERIOR COURT

Educational Activity

Utilizing LEAA grant funds, the Judicial Department sponsored the following educational activities for clerks of superior court in 1978-79:

- the Annual Conference of the Association of Clerks of Superior Court, July 26-28 in Nags Head, attended by 68 clerks;
- the Annual Conference of the Association of Assistant and Deputy Clerks of Superior Court, July 19-21 in Charlotte, attended by 210 assistant and deputy clerks; and
- an orientation training session for recently elected and appointed clerks of superior court, January 8-12 in Asheboro, attended by 25 new clerks.

Association of Clerks of Superior Court
(Officers as of June 30, 1979)

Ruth B. Williams, McDowell County, *President*

A. E. Blackburn, Forsyth County,
First Vice President

Ben G. Floyd, Jr., Robeson County,
Second Vice President

W. A. Boone, Jr., Wilson County, *Secretary*

Louise B. Wilson, Alamance County, *Treasurer*

Major Joines, Burke County
Shelton Jordon, Wayne County, and
Sion H. Kelly, Lee County (*ex officio*),
Additional Executive Committee Members

PUBLIC DEFENDERS

In 1978-79 there were five public defenders in North Carolina, serving Judicial Districts 12, 18, 26, 27A and 28; these officials and their assistants provide legal representation for persons in designated categories who are determined to be indigent. The public defender for District 28 is appointed by the senior resident superior court judge from recommendations submitted by the district bar; for the other districts, the appointment is by the Governor from recommendations of the respective district bar. Their terms are four years. Each public defender is by statute provided one full-time assistant; additional full-time or part-time assistants may be authorized by the Administrative Office of the Courts.

Duties

A person is determined to be indigent if he is found "financially unable to secure legal representation." He is entitled to State-paid legal representation in: any proceeding which may result in (or which seeks relief from) confinement, a fine of $500 or more, or extradition to another state; a proceeding alleging mental illness or incapacity which may result in hospitalization, sterilization, or the loss of certain property rights; and juvenile proceedings which may result in confinement, transfer to superior court for a felony trial, or a transfer of custody upon a finding of neglect.

Most cases of State-paid representation of indigents in these five districts are handled by the public defenders. In unusual circumstances, such as the existence of a conflict of interests, an indigent in one of these districts may be represented by private counsel, appointed by the court and paid a fee by the State for his legal services. In the other 28 districts the assigned private counsel system is the only one used.

Resources

A total of $1,149,780 was expended for the operation of the five public defenders' offices in 1978-79, an increase of 11.5% over 1977-78 expenditures of $1,031,400. The 1978-79 total is 1.8% of all General Fund expenditures for the operating expenses of the entire Judicial Department.

1978-79 Caseload

The five public defenders' offices handled a total of 10,972 cases, including both trials and appeals, in 1978-79. This represents an increase of 3.2% over the 10,630 cases handled by these offices during the 1977-78 fiscal year. Additional information on the operation of these offices is contained in Part III, "Cost and Case Data on Representation of Indigents."

Educational Activity

Utilizing LEAA grant funds, the Judicial Department sponsored the following educational activities for public defenders in 1978-79:

- a Fall training session, October 11-13 at the Institute of Government in Chapel Hill, attended by the five public defenders and 21 assistant defenders; and
- the Public Defenders Association Spring Conference, April 25-27 at the Institute of Government in Chapel Hill, attended by the five public defenders and 21 assistant public defenders.

PUBLIC DEFENDERS
(As of June 30, 1979)

District 12
  Mary Ann Tally, Fayetteville

District 18
  Wallace G. Harrelson, Greensboro

District 26
  Fritz Y. Mercer, Jr., Charlotte

District 27A
  Curtis O. Harris, Gastonia

District 28
  J. Robert Hufstader, Asheville

The Association of Public Defenders
(Officers as of June 30, 1979)

Mary Ann Tally, Fayetteville, *President*

Lawrence B. Langston, Gastonia, *Vice President*

Fritz Y. Mercer, Jr., Charlotte, *Secretary*

Deno G. Economous, Greensboro, *Treasurer*

THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS

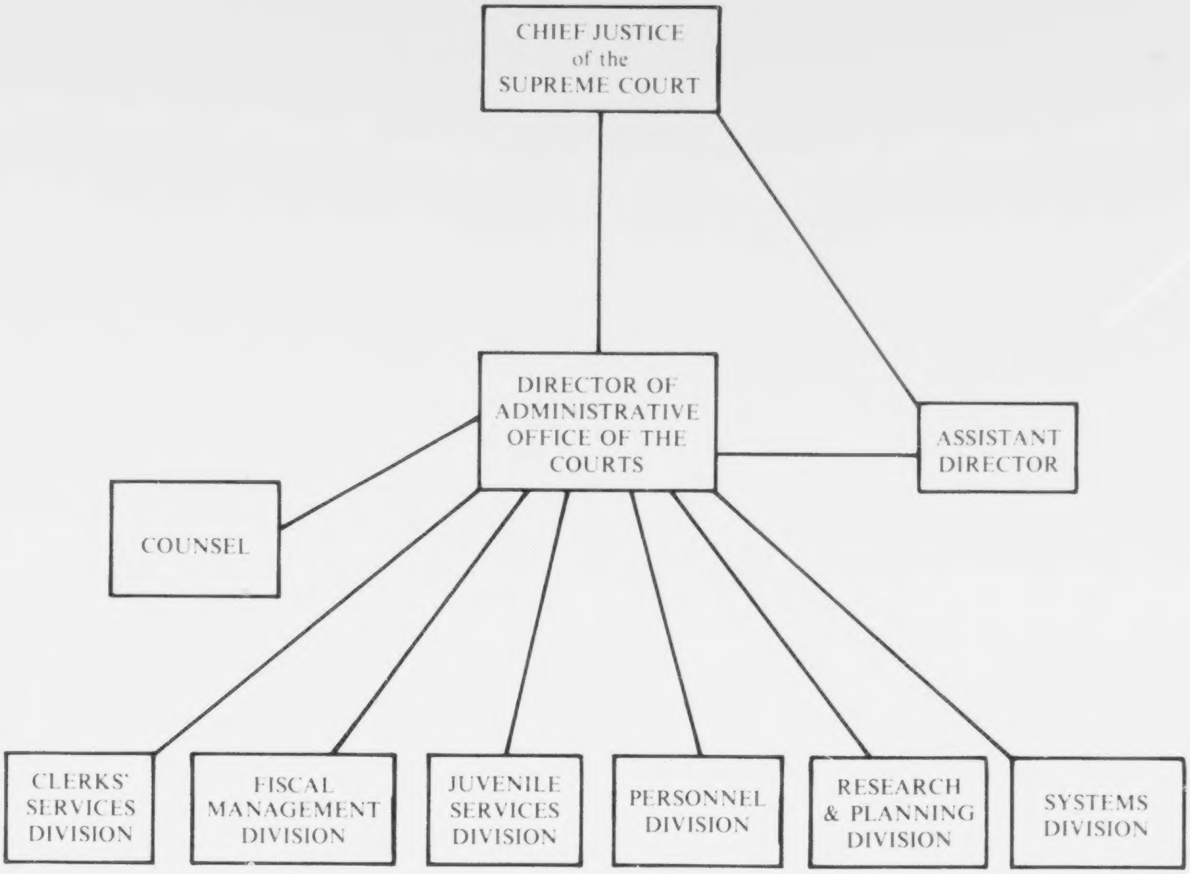
The Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts and his staff perform a variety of functions for the Judicial Department; these are enumerated in Article 29 of Chapter 7A of the North Carolina General Statutes. The Director is appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and serves at his pleasure, as does the Assistant Director, who is specifically charged with assisting the Chief Justice in making assignments of superior court judges and assisting the Supreme Court in preparing calendars of superior court trial sessions, as well as performing other functions assigned by the Chief Justice and the Director of AOC.

A total of $1,361,382 was expended from the State's General Fund for operating expense of AOC during 1978-79, an increase of 15.5% over 1977-78 expenditures of $1,178,529. The 1978-79 total is 2.1% of General Fund expenditures for operation of the entire Judicial Department.

In addition to the Director and Assistant Director, there are seven component parts of AOC, as illustrated in the chart below. Their respective assignments and activities in 1978-79 are summarized in the following pages.

ORGANIZATION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS

(As of June 30, 1979)


CHIEF JUSTICE of the SUPREME COURT
DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
COUNSEL
CLERKS' SERVICES DIVISION
FISCAL MANAGEMENT DIVISION
JUVENILE SERVICES DIVISION
PERSONNEL DIVISION
RESEARCH & PLANNING DIVISION
SYSTEMS DIVISION

Clerks' Services Division

The Clerks' Services Division monitors the record-keeping procedures in the clerks' offices located in the 100 counties, develops recommendations for improved office operations, and provides special assistance to individual offices where that is required from time to time. This Division reviews issues of staffing adequacy and personnel job descriptions for the clerks' offices, and participates in training activities involving clerk personnel. Liaison is maintained with other agencies or governmental offices which have special working relationships with the clerks' offices: the Department of Archives and History on records management and retention, the Division of Motor Vehicles on traffic case reports, and county governments on space requirements in clerks' offices. Following each legislative session, the Division reviews new legislation affecting the clerks' offices and participates in disseminating information on changes in the laws and in developing any record-keeping procedures required by new legislation.

During the past year, this Division participated in the annual conference of the clerks of superior court and the annual conference of assistant and deputy clerks. In addition, the Division planned and conducted a four-day special training conference for newly elected or appointed clerks of superior court.

Office of Counsel

The Counsel for the Administrative Office of the Courts provides legal advice for AOC staff as well as for other administrative officials in the Judicial Department, particularly the clerks of superior court. Another major area of responsibility is the development (and up-dating) of the variety of forms used in the trial courts for instituting, processing and disposing of cases. A third category of responsibility consists of participation in a variety of educational or training activity for personnel of the Judicial Department: presentations at annual conferences of the clerks of court, at conferences of assistant and deputy clerks of court, and at specialized group meetings scheduled throughout the year.

During the 1978-79 fiscal year requests for legal advice averaged 18 to 20 a day. Most of these requests were from clerks' offices. At the present time, more than 250 forms have been developed and approved by the Administrative Office of the Courts for use in processing the large variety of cases in the trial courts. Each legislative session produces changes in the laws which in turn require changes in existing forms or the development of new forms.

Fiscal Management Division

This Division has responsibility for the management of the fiscal affairs of the Judicial Department, including budgeting, disbursing and the related accounting, auditing and reporting activity. In addition, the Division has responsibility for purchasing and printing, and for warehousing and distribution of supplies for the Judicial Department.

The Division formulates policy and procedures for the fiscal operations of the Judicial Department and supervises their administration. A significant portion of these functions pertain to the fiscal operations of the offices of the clerks of superior court located in each of the 100 counties of the State. A uniform accounting system is prescribed for the clerks' offices.

The clerks' offices receive, account for and disburse court costs, fees, fines and bond forfeitures, as well as a variety of other receipts (judgment payments, estate settlements, trusts) which are paid into the clerks' offices as a result of court actions and proceedings.

During the 1978-79 fiscal year, expenditures for the operation of the Judicial Department totalled $64,830,830. During the same year the Department's total receipts of court costs, fees, fines and forfeitures amounted to $48,060,916. In accord with applicable law, these receipts were disbursed as follows: $21,246,744 remitted to the State Treasurer for the State's General Fund and $2,518,410 for the Law Enforcement Officers' Retirement Fund; $23,488,366 disbursed to the several counties of the State; and $807,396 disbursed to municipalities throughout the State.

Juvenile Services Division

This Division administers the Statewide juvenile court counselor program for children alleged or adjudicated to be delinquent or undisciplined. Services include intake (pre-hearing studies of children alleged to be delinquent or undisciplined); probation (supervision within the community for those adjudicated to be delinquent or undisciplined and who have not been committed to training school); and aftercare (supervision within the community for children conditionally released from the training schools). The services are administered locally by court counselors in each judicial district, with each district having a chief court counselor in charge of the Division's functions in the district.

Court counselors worked with 20,743 intake cases from July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979, diverting 9,372 cases from the juvenile courts. Of those cases diverted, 5,236 were resolved without referrals and 4,136 cases were referred to other resources based in the communities, such as mental health clinics and county departments of social services. During the year 9,332 cases were added to the court counselors' probation caseloads, with the daily average State caseload being 6,378.

Prior to July 1, 1978, a so-called "status offender" (a child found to have violated a law applicable only to children) who was put on probation and later found to have violated the conditions of his probation, could be committed to a training school as a "delinquent" juvenile. By restricting the definition of "delinquent" to juveniles who have committed criminal offenses, the 1977 General Assembly in effect prohibited the incarceration of status offenders in North Carolina. Although the long-term effects of this change have yet to be determined, an immediate impact on the caseload of the Juvenile Services Division was a significant decrease in the number of children (approximately 1,164) placed on probation for status offenses between July 1, 1978 and June 30, 1979.

A major accomplishment of the Division during 1978-79 was the establishment of minimum service delivery standards for the Division. Delivery of services in each judicial district is now measured by these standards under a program of periodic reviews and evaluation.

Training continued to receive major emphasis during the year, with the following activities:

- three orientation sessions (October 1978, March 1979, and June 1979) for new court counselors;
- a required course in seven sessions for court counselors, counselor trainees, intake counselors and district supervisors, with a total of 226 persons attending;
- a required course for chief court counselors and administrative personnel, attended by 35 persons;
- an optional course in two sessions for secretaries who deal regularly with troubled adolescents, attended by 36 secretaries;
- 12 separate special interest courses in counseling techniques and theories, presented as optional training in a total of 23 sessions across the State, with a total attendance of 399;
- a conference on juveniles with learning disabilities, attended by 32 district court judges; and
- a conference on the juvenile commitment order and training schools, attended by 43 district court judges.

In addition, tuition and registration fees were paid for 150 Juvenile Services Division personnel, to attend college courses and educational workshops and conferences.

During May of 1979 an independent evaluation of the Division's training activities was conducted by the Training Director of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges.

Personnel Division

This Division provides the personnel administration and analysis of staffing requirements for the Judicial Department, which has approximately 3300 employees. The Division also has responsibility for the assignment of court reporters for the trial courts.

In addition to administering its on-going services and programs, the Division gave particular attention to the following new matters during the 1978-79 fiscal year:

- Changes in salary administration policy were developed and approved for implementation beginning July 1, 1979, with a principal new feature being provision that supervisors could consider a half-step merit increment as well as a full-step increment. Previously, an employee had to be approved for either a full-step increment or no merit increment.
- A new appointments policy for the Judicial Department became effective July 1, 1978, providing for a probationary appointment period for new employees.
- Comprehensive employee relations policies and procedures were adopted in April 1978 for personnel of the Administrative Office of the Courts, with the Personnel Administrator acting as the first level of appeal from an employee's division. Since the inception of this program, 13 such appeals have been heard and acted upon by the Personnel Administrator.
- Comprehensive classification and pay studies were conducted in the offices of 10 clerks of superior court, including two of the largest clerks' offices (Forsyth and Mecklenburg Counties). Planning and scheduling of similar studies of other clerks' offices for the coming year was accomplished.
- Studies were begun on the possible adoption of a Service Awards Program for Judicial Department employees.

Research and Planning Division

This Division has responsibility for conducting research and preparing reports and papers on problems or issues relevant to the courts of North Carolina. The Division provides the staff for the North Carolina Judicial Planning Committee. (This Committee, established by the Supreme Court of North Carolina in 1977, considers problems or issues affecting the operation of the

State's courts and has a special role in the allocation of LEAA funds available to the court system.) In addition, the Division has responsibilities for the LEAA grants management functions for the Judicial Department, and for the compilation, printing and distribution of the Annual Reports of the Administrative Office of the Courts.

During the 1978-79 fiscal year the Division prepared papers and made presentations to the Judicial Planning Committee on coordination of witness attendance at criminal trials; on the comparative need for additional district court judges in certain judicial districts; on a "trial court administrator" pilot project operation in three judicial districts; on retirement of magistrates; and on the variety of proposals considered for LEAA funding during the 1979-80 fiscal year.

In September 1978 a two-volume report was completed and released on North Carolina trial court facilities in the 100 counties of the State. This was the culmination of a major three-year study project of the North Carolina State University School of Design, pursuant to a contract with the Administrative Office of the Courts. Division staff carried out planning functions and contract administration for this project, collected significant portions of the data for the study, drafted portions of the report, and provided editorial review and approval on behalf of the Administrative Office of the Courts.

During the year the Director of the Division made a study and analysis of the law of homicide in North Carolina as affected by recent decisions of the United State Supreme Court and prepared a special report on this subject for the North Carolina Judicial Council.

The LEAA Grants Management Section was involved in the on-going administration of 24 LEAA-funded projects during the year. Applications for seven projects were prepared and approved for LEAA funding by the Governor's Crime Commission (the State Planning Agency for LEAA purposes). In addition, the LEAA Grants Manager participated with representatives of the Governor's Crime Commission in a total of 13 monitoring visits for review of various Judicial Department projects supported by LEAA funds.

Systems Division

This Division has the responsibility for development and implementation of an automated information system for the Judicial Department.

The Division also handles the data entry and electronic processing of case data which is reported weekly (on manually completed forms) by the clerks of superior court in the 100 counties to the Administrative Office of the Courts. In addition, the Division handles the data entry and electronic processing of manually reported information on juvenile services. During the fiscal year more than three million records of such information were processed, providing on a periodic basis numerous computer-produced reports. (The system of manually reported data will be phased out as the Judicial Department's automated information system is implemented).

Computer equipment was procured for the implementation of the "criminal component" of the court information system for an initial twelve-county pilot region which includes Judicial Districts 7, 9, 10 and 11; and computer programming for the criminal component was developed and tested.

Telecommunication lines were installed connecting the first two counties (Franklin and Vance) with the AOC computer facilities, and terminals and printers were installed in both of these counties.

Training of clerk office personnel in the operation of the new automated system was begun in Franklin and Vance counties, with the implementation of the "criminal component" of the system expected in the near future.

THE JUDICIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

(Members as of June 30, 1979)**

Associate Justice J. Frank Huskins, Raleigh, *Chairman*

Magistrate C. E. Baker, Holly Springs

District Court Judge Thomas D. Cooper, Jr., Burlington

District Attorney Franklin E. Freeman, Jr., Reidsville

Public Defender Wallace C. Harrelson, Greensboro

Representative Edward S. Holmes, Pittsboro

Clerk of Superior Court Rachel M. Joyner, Nashville

Superior Court Judge Henry A. McKinnon, Jr., Lumberton

Administrative Officer of the Courts Bert M. Montague, Raleigh

Chief Court of Appeals Judge Naomi E. Morris, Raleigh

President of the N.C. State Bar Grady B. Scott, Gastonia

President of the N.C. Bar Association Clarence Walker, Charlotte

Senator Willis P. Whichard, Durham

**All members serve at the pleasure of the Supreme Court

THE JUDICIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE IN 1978-79

The North Carolina Judicial Planning Committee was appointed by the Supreme Court in 1977. The Committee considers problems affecting the operation of the State's courts, areas in need of improvement, and issues relevant to the court system as a whole. In addition, the Committee plays a special role in the allocation of LEAA funds available to the court system. Staff assistance for the Committee is provided by the Research and Planning Division of the Administrative Office of the Courts.

During the 1978-79 fiscal year the Judicial Planning Committee considered reports on:

(1) the special study of North Carolina courthouses and other judicial facilities (published in September, 1978);
(2) the coordination of attendance of witnesses at criminal trials in the several prosecutorial districts throughout the State;
(3) the comparative need for additional district court judges in the first and 29th judicial districts;
(4) the pilot-project "trial-court administrator" program operating in the 10th, 22nd and 28th judicial districts.

The Judicial Planning Committee also considered proposals for LEAA program funds for federal fiscal year 1979-80, and concluded that the following listed allocations of LEAA funds should be made:

(1) $996,833 for continued development and implementation of an electronic data processing system for North Carolina courts;
(2) $62,825 for witness-attendance coordination projects in several district attorneys' offices;
(3) $69,000 for development and distribution of a reference manual for clerk of superior court staff;
(4) $7,100 for operating expenses for the Orange County Dispute Settlement Center;
(5) $98,075 for specialized personnel in the Office of the Attorney General to handle criminal case appeals;
(6) $157,000 for education and training of Judicial Department personnel working in the juvenile justice area; and
(7) $25,950 for preparation and publication of a revised version of *Rules of Procedure for Children in the District Court* and a field manual for personnel of the Juvenile Services Division.

With the exception of some reduction in the amount for juvenile justice education and training, the Committee's recommendations were adopted by the Governor's Crime Commission contingent upon the availability of federal funds in the anticipated amounts.*

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*These allocations were subsequently reduced by approximately 27% after a reduction, by the Congress, in the funds available under the LEAA program.

THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL

(Members as of June 30, 1979)

Appointed by the Chief Justice

Associate Justice James G. Exum, Jr., Raleigh, *Chairman*

Superior Court Judge Henry A. McKinnon, Lumberton

Superior Court Judge Lacy Thornburg, Webster

Chief District Court Judge J. Milton Read, Jr., Durham

District Attorney William Griffin, Jr., Williamston

District Attorney James E. Roberts, Concord

Appointed by the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals

Court of Appeals Judge Earl W. Vaughn, Raleigh

Appointed by the Governor

Gerald W. Hayes, Jr., Dunn

Robert C. Hunter, Marion

Appointed by the Lieutenant Governor

Senator Julian R. Allsbrook, Roanoke Rapids

Senator Robert S. Swain, Asheville

Appointed by the Speaker of the House

Representative H. Parks Helms, Charlotte

Representative James F. Morgan, High Point

Appointed by the Attorney General

R. Bruce White, Jr., Deputy Attorney General, Raleigh

Appointed by the Council of the N. C. State Bar

W. Marion Allen, Elkin

Leon Corbett, Burgaw

Ann H. Phillips, Asheville

Ralph H. Ramsey, Jr., Brevard

Dallas A. Cameron, Jr., Assistant Director of the Administrative
Office of the Courts, Executive Secretary

THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL IN 1978-79

The Judicial Council has been in continuous existence since it was established by the 1949 General Assembly. Statutory provisions relating to membership, terms of office, and the duties of the Council are set out in Article 31 of Chapter 7A of the General Statutes.

Culminating work which started in 1978, the Judicial Council transmitted its report to the Governor and the General Assembly in March, 1979. The Council recommends enactment of bills providing:

(1) for addition of an aggravating circumstance to the existing statutory list which is considered in capital cases;

(2) for prohibition of conviction as an accessory before the fact on an indictment which charged the defendant with the principal felony;

(3) that punishment for burglary would be imprisonment for not less than ten years or more than life;

(4) for procedure for the selection of alternate jurors;

(5) for revision of Article 6, Chapter 14 of the North Carolina General Statutes relating to homicide;

(6) for extension of the time of coverage of a bail bond; and

(7) for elimination of the use of a jury to determine sentences in capital cases where there is no aggravating circumstance.

The first four of the above listed proposals were enacted by the 1979 General Assembly. The latter three proposals listed above were held over for further consideration during the 1980 session of the General Assembly.

THE JUDICIAL STANDARDS COMMISSION

(Members as of June 30, 1979)

Appointed by the Chief Justice

Court of Appeals Judge Edward B. Clark, Raleigh, *Chairman*
Superior Court Judge W. Douglas Albright, Greensboro
District Court Judge L. T. Hammond, Jr., Asheboro

Appointed by the Governor

Marvin B. Koonce, Jr., Raleigh
Susan Whittington, Wilkesboro

Appointed by the Council of the N.C. State Bar

Jerome B. Clark, Jr., Fayetteville
Robert G. Sanders, Charlotte

Deborah R. Carrington, *Executive Secretary*

THE JUDICIAL STANDARDS COMMISSION
July 1, 1978-June 30, 1979

The Judicial Standards Commission was established by the General Assembly pursuant to a constitutional amendment approved by the voters at the general election in November, 1972.

Upon recommendation of the Commission, the Supreme Court may censure or remove any judge for wilful misconduct in office, wilful and persistent failure to perform his duties, habitual intemperance, conviction of a crime involving moral turpitude, or conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice that brings the judicial office into disrepute. In addition, upon recommendation of the Commission, the Supreme Court may remove any judge for mental or physical incapacity interfering with the performance of his duties, which is, or is likely to become, permanent.

Where a recommendation for censure or removal involves a justice of the Supreme Court, the recommendation and supporting record is filed with the Court of Appeals which has and proceeds under the same authority for censure or removal of a judge. Such a proceeding would be heard by the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals and the six judges senior in service, excluding the Court of Appeals judge who by law serves as the Chairman of the Judicial Standards Commission. This procedure for the censure or removal of a justice of the Supreme Court became effective as of 30 April 1979. (1979 Session Laws, c. 486).

In addition to a recommendation of censure or removal, the Commission also utilizes a disciplinary measure known as a reprimand. The reprimand is a mechanism administratively developed for dealing with inquiries where the conduct involved does not warrant censure or removal, but where some action is justified. Since the establishment of the Judicial Standards Commission in 1973, reprimands have been issued in nine inquiries.

During the 1 July 1978 - 30 June 1979 fiscal year, the Judicial Standards Commission met on the following dates: 25 August 1978, 27 October 1978, 26 January 1979, 23 March 1979, and 29 June 1979.

A complaint or other information against a judge, whether filed with the Commission or initiated by the Commission acting on its own motion, is designated as an "Inquiry Concerning a Judge." Three such inquiries were pending as of 1 July 1978, and 65 inquiries were filed during the fiscal year, giving the Commission a total workload of 68 inquiries.

During the fiscal year, the Commission disposed of 66 inquiries and two inquiries remained pending at the end of the fiscal year. The determinations of the Commission with regard to the 66 inquiries disposed of during the fiscal year were as follows:

(1) 45 inquiries were determined to involve subject matter not within the Commission's jurisdiction;
(2) 10 inquiries were determined to involve subject matter within the Commission's jurisdiction but not warranting further proceedings;
(3) four inquiries were determined to warrant no further action following receipt of additional information requested in order to clarify the nature of the inquiry;
(4) five inquiries were determined to warrant no further action following completion of preliminary investigations; and
(5) two inquiries were determined to warrant the issuance of a reprimand.

The Supreme Court of North Carolina issued opinions during the 1 July 1978 - 30 June 1979 period relating to recommendations by the Judicial Standards Commission filed prior to 1 July 1978. In *In re Martin*, 295 N.C. 291 (1978), the Court declined to follow the recommendation of the Judicial Standards Commission for removal and instead imposed a censure of the respondent judge. It did, however, concur with and approve the Commission's recommendation for removal in *In re Peoples*, 296 N.C. 109 (1978), thereby removing the respondent judge from office, disqualifying him from holding further judicial office, and making him ineligible to receive retirement benefits.

PART III

COURT RESOURCES

- Financial
- Personnel

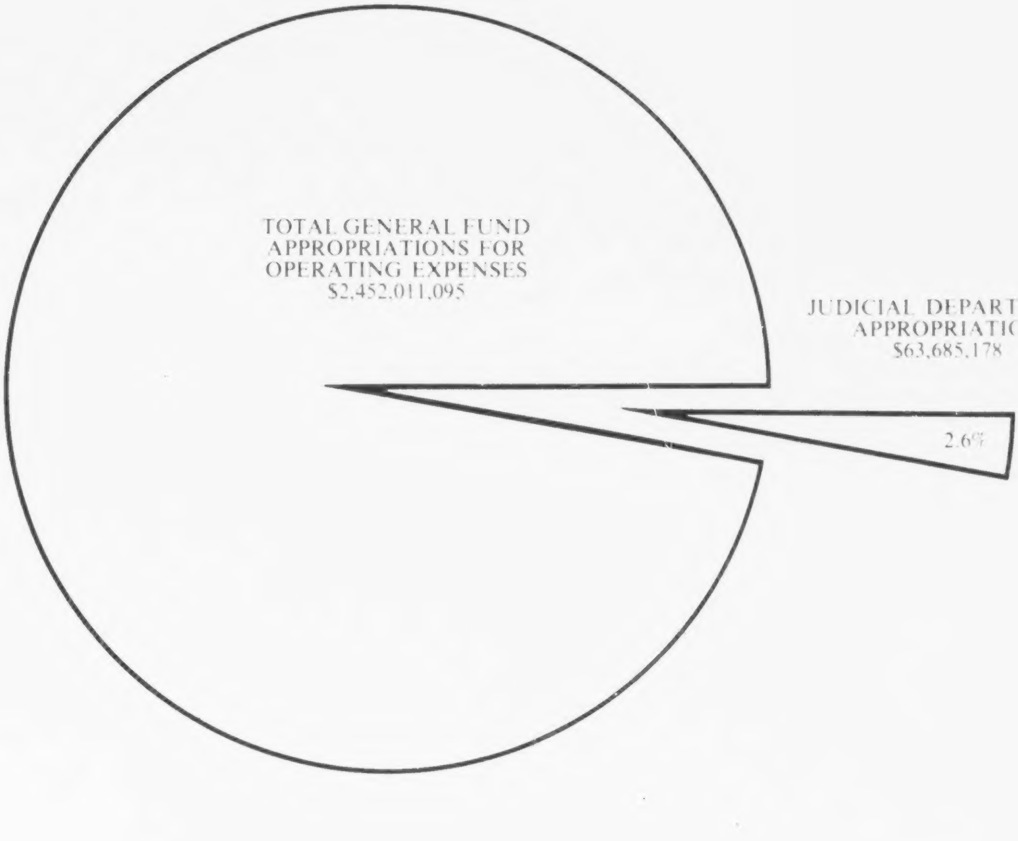
JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT FINANCES

Under the State Constitution the operating expenses of the Judicial Department (all North Carolina courts) "other than compensation to process servers and other locally paid non-judicial officers" are required to be paid from State funds. It is customary legislative practice for the General Assembly to include appropriations for the operating expenses of all three branches of State government in a single budget bill, for a two-year period ending on June 30 of the odd-numbered years. In recent years, the General Assembly has customarily held a "short" session in even-numbered years and the budget for the second year of the biennium is generally modified during these short sessions.

Building facilities for the appellate courts are provided by State funds, but by statute the county governments are required to provide from county funds for adequate facilites for the trial courts within each of the 100 counties.

State appropriations for the operating expenses of the Judicial Department for fiscal year July 1, 1978 through June 30, 1979 totalled $63,685,178. These were appropriations from the State's general fund. General Fund appropriations for the *operating expenses* of all State agencies and departments, including the Judicial Department, totalled $2,452,011,095 for fiscal year, 1978-79. (These do not include appropriations for capital construction or appropriations from the Highway Fund for highway construction and repair.)

As is illustrated in the chart below, General Fund appropriations for the operating expenses of the Judicial Department comprised 2.6% of the General Fund appropriations for the operating expenses of *all* State agencies and departments.



JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT FINANCES

Appropriations from the State's general fund for operating expenses of the Judicial Department over the past five fiscal years are shown in the table below and in the graph at the top of the following page. For comparative purposes, appropriations from the general fund for operating expenses of all State agencies and departments (including the Judicial Department) for the last five fiscal years are also shown in the table below and in the second graph on the following page.

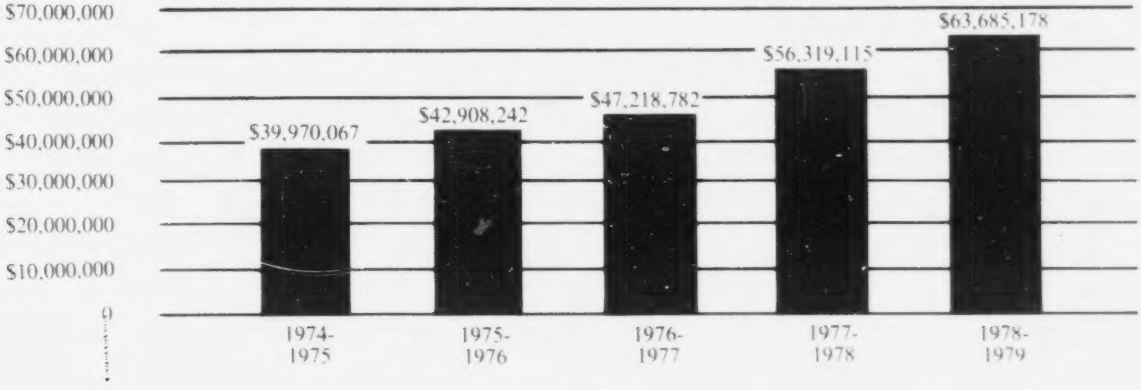
APPROPRIATIONS FROM GENERAL FUND FOR OPERATING EXPENSES

Fiscal Year	Judicial Department		All State Agencies	
	Appropriation	% Increase over previous year	Appropriation	% Increase over previous year
1974 - 1975	$39,970,067		$1,692,373,585	
1975 - 1976	42,908,242	7.35%	1,737,659,496	2.68%
1976 - 1977	47,218,782	10.05%	1,962,976,606	12.97%
1977 - 1978	56,319,115	19.27%	2,193,405,714	11.74%
1978 - 1979	63,685,178	13.08%	2,452,011,095	11.79%
AVERAGE ANNUAL INCREASE, 1974-1979		12.44%		9.80%

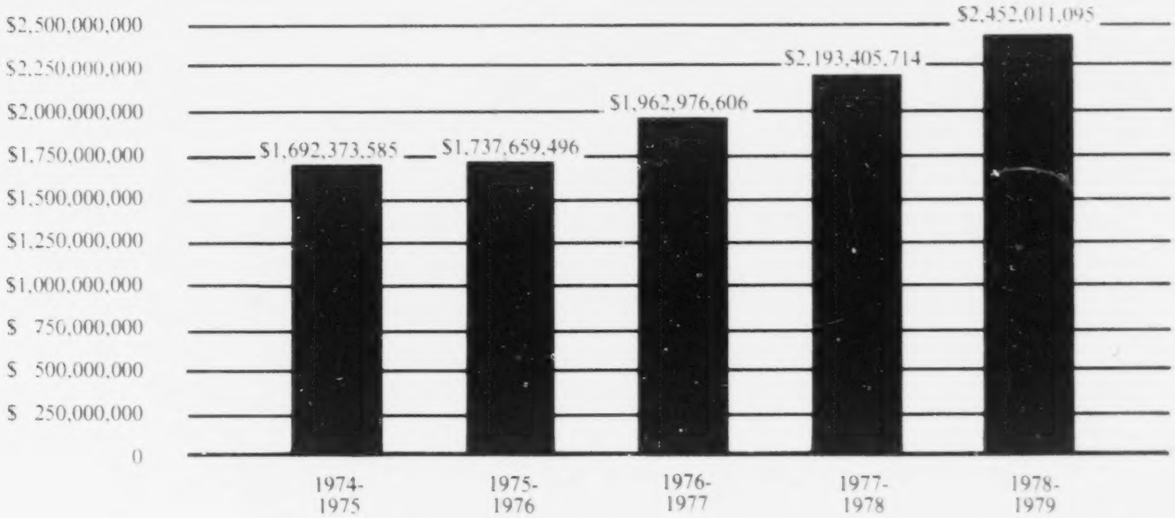
During the past decade, including the five-year period covered by the above table, inflation has been a significant factor in the national economy. For example, during 1978-79, according to Bureau of Labor Statistics data, the average person spent $205.20 to pay for goods and services which could have been obtained for $100.00 in 1967. Therefore, if these appropriations are stated in 1967 dollars, the average annual increase in Judicial Department appropriations for the past five years would be 4.0% instead of 12.44% as reflected in the table above.

The greatest percentage increase in Judicial Department appropriations during this period was for the 1977-78 fiscal year. The increase for that year was due in large measure to a significant increase in the number of superior court judges (20%) and an increase in the number of assistant district attorneys (18%) for that year.

GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS FOR OPERATING EXPENSES OF THE JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT, 1974-75 — 1978-79



GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS FOR OPERATING EXPENSES OF ALL STATE AGENCIES AND DEPARTMENTS, 1974-75 — 1978-79



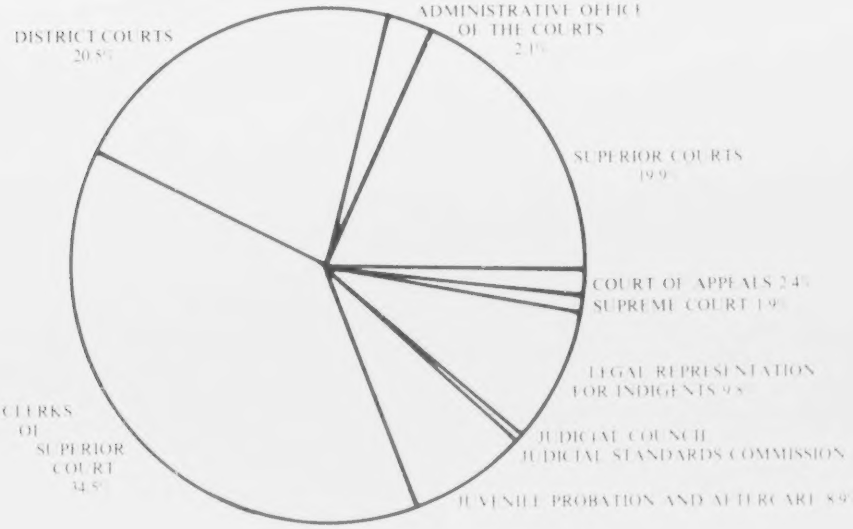
JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT EXPENDITURES
July 1, 1978 - June 30, 1979

General Fund expenditures, rounded to the nearest dollar, for operating expenses of the Judicial Department during the 1978-79 fiscal year totalled $62,245,923, divided among the major budget classifications as shown below. Expenditures for LEAA-funded projects in the Judicial Department totalled $2,584,907, for a grand total of $64,830,830 in Judicial Department expenditures.

	Amount	% of Total
Supreme Court	$ 1,173,674	1.9%
Court of Appeals	1,485,877	2.4%
Superior Courts (This classification includes judges, district attorneys, assistant district attorneys, court reporters, and staff personnel.)	12,377,669	19.9%
District Courts (This classification includes judges, magistrates, and court reporters.)	12,745,520	20.5%
Clerks of Superior Court (This classification includes all 100 clerks and their staffs, juror fees, witness fees, and such support services as supplies, postage, telephone expenses, and office equipment for all local Judicial Department personnel.)	21,457,921	34.5%
Juvenile Probation and Aftercare	5,515,169	8.9%
Legal Representation for Indigents Assigned private counsel ($4,568,495) Public defenders ($1,149,780) Special counsel at mental hospitals ($162,354) Support services (transcripts, records, briefs) ($243,659)	6,124,288	9.8%
Administrative Office of the Courts	1,361,382	2.1%
Judicial Council	1,921	
Judicial Standards Commission	2,502	
Total General Fund Expenditures	62,245,923	100.0%
LEAA-Funded Projects	2,584,907	
GRAND TOTAL	64,830,830	

The distribution of General Fund expenditures among the major budget categories is illustrated in the chart on the following page.

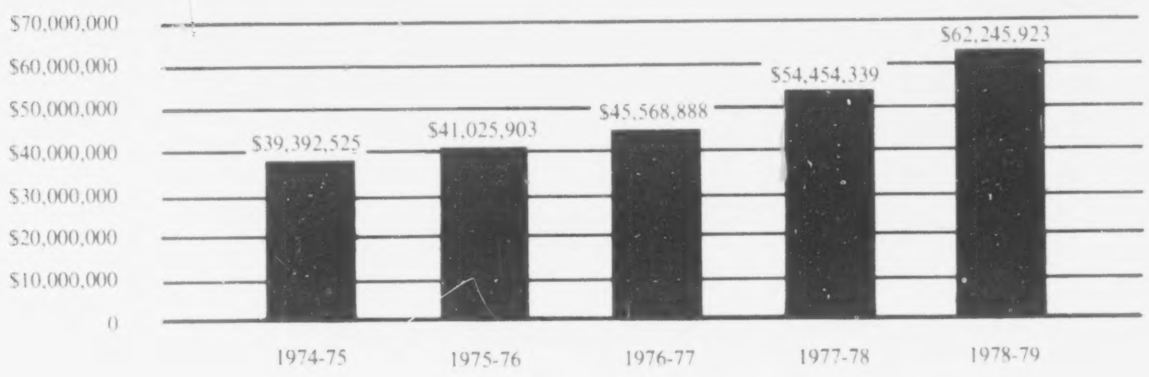
JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT FINANCES



As the chart illustrates, the bulk of Judicial Department expenditures goes for operation of the State's trial courts. Operation of the superior courts took 19.9% of total expenditures; this category includes expenditures for district attorneys and their staffs as well as superior court judges and court reporters. Operation of the district courts (including magistrates as well as judges and court reporters) took 20.5% of the total. An additional 34.5% went to operate the 100 clerks of superior court offices, pay jurors' and witnesses' fees, and provide office equipment and supplies and postage and telephone service for all judicial Department personnel at the local level.

The total General Fund expenditures of $62,245,923 for 1978-79 represents a 14% increase over expenditures of $54,454,339 in 1977-78. This increase is in keeping with recent trends, as illustrated in the chart below.

GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES FOR JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS, FISCAL YEARS 1974-75 — 1978-79



JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT FINANCES

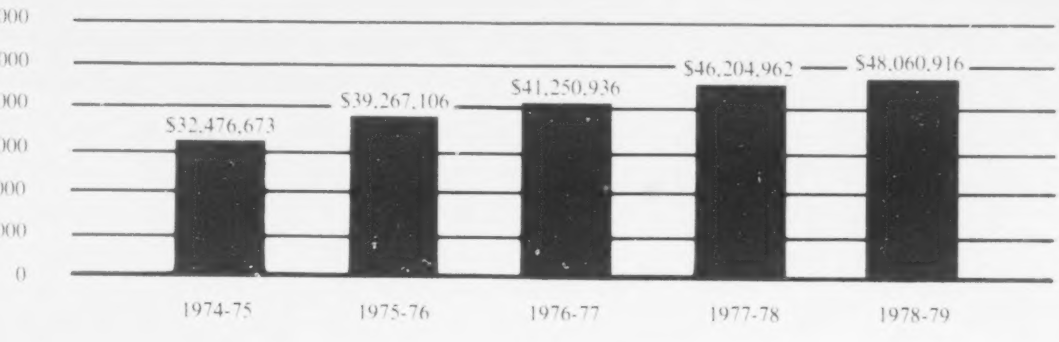
DEPARTMENT RECEIPTS
July 1, 1978 - June 30, 1979

Receipts for the Judicial Department in the 1978-79 fiscal year totalled $48,060,916.45. The several sources of these receipts are shown in the table below. As in the previous years, the major source of receipts is the assessment of "court costs" in superior and district courts, paid by litigants in accordance with the schedule of costs and fees set out in G.S. 7A-304 *et seq.*; these payments constituted 62% of the total receipts during 1978-79. Fines and forfeitures made up 36.84% of the total. Receipts in the remaining categories Supreme Court and Court of Appeals filing fees, sales of Supreme Court and Court of Appeals *Reports* and payments on indigent representation judgments made up less than two percent of the total.

Source of Receipts	**Amount**	**% of Total**
Supreme Court Fees	$ 18,029.91	0.04%
Court of Appeals Fees	23,471.47	0.05%
Superior and District Court Costs	29,795,712.23	61.99%
Fines and Forfeitures	17,703,927.28	36.84%
Sales of Appellate Division *Reports*	145,314.31	0.30%
Payments on Indigent Representation Judgments	374,460.75	0.78%
Total	$48,060,916.45	100.0%

This total of $48,060,916.45 is an increase of 4.0% over total 1977-78 receipts of $46,204,962.18. As the graph below illustrates, this increase is comparable to increases in recent years in total Judicial Department receipts.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT RECEIPTS, 1974-75 — 1978-79



JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT FINANCES

DISTRIBUTION OF JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT RECEIPTS

As required by the State Constitution, fines, penalties and forfeitures collected by the courts in criminal cases are distributed to the respective counties in which the cases are tried. These funds must be used by the counties for the support of the public schools.

A uniform schedule of court costs for civil and criminal cases, comprised of a variety of fees, is set by statute for cases filed in the superior and district courts. Statutes prescribe the distribution of these fees and provide that certain fees shall be devoted to specific uses. For example, a facilities fee is included in court costs when costs are assessed, and this fee is paid over to the respective county or municipality which provided the facility used in the case. These fees must be utilized by the counties and municipalities to provide and maintain courtrooms and related judicial facilities.

Officer Fees (for arrest or service of process) are included, where applicable, in the costs of each case filed in the trial courts. If a municipal officer performed these services in a case, the fee is paid over to the respective municipality. Otherwise, all officer fees are paid to the respective counties in which the cases are filed.

A jail fee is included in the costs of each case where applicable; and these fees are distributed to the respective county or municipality whose facilities were used. Most jail facilities in the State are provided by the counties.

A fee for the Law Enforcement Officers Benefit and Retirement Fund is included as a part of court costs when costs are assessed in a criminal case. As required by statute, the Judicial Department remits these fees to the State Treasurer, for deposit in the Law Enforcement Officers Benefit and Retirement Fund.

Except as indicated, all superior and district court costs collected by the Judicial Department are paid into the State's General Fund.

When private counsel or a public defender is assigned to represent an indigent defendant in a criminal case the trial judge sets the money value for the services rendered. If the defendant is convicted, a judgment lien is entered against him for such amount. Collections on these judgments are paid into the State's General Fund, as are appellate court fees and proceeds from the sales of appellate division reports.

	Amount	% of Total
Remitted to State Treasurer		
Supreme Court Fees	$ 18,029.91	0.04%
Court of Appeals Fees	23,471.47	0.05%
Sales of Appellate Division Reports	145,314.31	0.30%
Payments on Indigent Representation Judgments	374,460.75	.78%
Law Enforcement Officers Benfit and Retirement Fund Fees	2,518,410.36	5.24%
Other Superior and District Court Fees	20,685,467.90	43.04%
Total to State Treasurer	$23,765,154.70	49.45%
Distributed to Counties		
Fines and Forfeitures	$17,703,927.78	36.84%
Judicial Facilities Fees	3,689,187.01	7.67%
Officer Fees	1,619,218.04	3.37%
Jail Fees	476,032.80	0.99%
Total to Counties	$23,488,365.63	48.87%
Distributed to Municipalities		
Judicial Facilities Fees	$ 168,726.50	0.35%
Officer Fees	621,035.62	1.29%
Jail Fees	17,634.000	0.04%
Total to Municipalities	$ 807,396.12	1.68%
GRAND TOTAL	$48,060,916.45	100.00%

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT FINANCES

AMOUNTS OF FEES, FINES AND FORFEITURES COLLECTED BY THE COURTS AND DISTRIBUTED TO COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES*

July 1, 1978 — June 30, 1979

	Distributed to Counties				Distributed to Municipalities			
	Facility Fees	Officer Fees	Jail Fees	Fines and Forfeitures	Facility Fees	Officer Fees	Jail Fees	Total
Alamance	$ 54,429.00	$ 19,203.56	$ 8,988.00	$ 328,388.41	$ -0-	$ 13,623.00	$ -0-	$ 424,631.97
Alexander	10,469.60	5,479.00	3,180.00	53,782.50	-0-	206.00	-0-	73,117.10
Alleghany	4,299.50	1,396.00	511.00	14,353.00	-0-	373.00	-0-	20,932.50
Anson	19,681.50	10,128.00	1,850.00	77,724.28	-0-	973.00	-0-	110,356.78
Ashe	9,356.00	6,463.00	749.00	40,034.33	-0-	58.00	-0-	56,660.33
Avery	8,233.00	5,591.04	1,477.00	43,010.00	-0-	108.00	-0-	58,419.04
Beaufort	33,770.00	20,736.78	4,919.00	161,109.26	-0-	4,261.00	-0-	224,796.04
Bertie	16,246.00	11,901.36	2,347.00	74,452.58	-0-	584.00	5.00	105,535.94
Bladen	26,440.00	17,271.00	3,865.99	134,753.93	1,968.00	1,315.00	-0-	185,613.92
Brunswick	17,631.00	9,769.50	1,937.55	85,767.50	2,340.00	350.00	-0-	117,795.55
Buncombe	96,826.40	51,998.35	15,428.00	503,771.17	-0-	16,516.00	-0-	684,539.92
Burke	41,809.00	16,695.00	2,608.25	196,697.30	-0-	3,410.00	-0-	261,219.55
Cabarrus	53,541.50	33,392.46	5,595.00	205,057.30	-0-	3,580.00	-0-	301,166.26
Caldwell	36,239.00	13,108.00	6,361.00	177,687.11	-0-	4,278.00	-0-	237,673.11
Camden	3,481.00	2,168.00	110.00	25,089.00	-0-	-0-	-0-	30,848.00
Carteret	28,334.00	12,447.00	1,062.00	198,024.45	-0-	4,434.00	-0-	244,301.45
Caswell	10,012.00	6,878.00	1,195.00	45,054.00	-0-	-0-	-0-	63,139.00
Catawba	32,990.50	20,250.50	6,876.00	302,715.69	34,471.50	12,093.00	2,821.00	412,218.19
Chatham	13,673.00	13,208.00	1,550.00	104,151.00	8,020.00	1,254.00	595.00	142,451.00
Cherokee	8,899.00	4,760.00	1,262.00	56,332.69	-0-	372.00	55.00	71,680.69
Chowan	9,462.00	4,556.00	882.00	58,242.00	-0-	1,424.00	-0-	74,566.00
Clay	2,539.00	1,696.00	371.00	18,946.00	-0-	-0-	-0-	23,552.00
Cleveland	47,113.00	17,561.00	9,082.00	206,447.21	-0-	6,981.00	65.00	287,249.21
Columbus	40,297.00	29,352.00	10,739.77	238,845.41	3,050.00	2,759.00	545.00	325,588.18
Craven	57,540.00	23,518.50	7,705.29	284,868.50	-0-	7,434.00	-0-	381,066.29
Cumberland	172,501.60	59,069.40	31,074.00	1,015,813.93	-0-	32,914.95	-0-	1,311,373.88
Currituck	11,018.00	8,073.03	522.90	78,443.92	-0-	-0-	-0-	98,057.85
Dare	16,184.00	7,035.00	1,152.00	153,861.12	-0-	2,334.00	-0-	180,566.12
Davidson	49,065.54	27,560.72	8,895.00	269,580.88	6,872.00	2,435.00	-0-	364,409.14
Davie	17,196.00	9,112.00	1,257.16	72,700.90	-0-	1,200.00	-0-	101,466.06
Duplin	29,630.00	13,412.00	1,920.00	138,449.00	-0-	1,080.00	593.00	185,134.00
Durham	122,607.00	31,323.50	5,124.00	353,942.70	-0-	30,709.00	-0-	543,706.20
Edgecombe	28,548.00	22,779.00	7,651.50	162,072.21	10,265.00	6,176.00	1,270.00	238,761.71
Forsyth	174,123.00	27,035.00	17,118.00	633,627.59	2,654.00	57,283.00	-0-	911,840.59
Franklin	20,682.00	10,670.00	2,075.00	94,089.50	-0-	304.00	100.00	127,920.50
Gaston	79,146.00	39,018.00	13,456.75	351,041.72	-0-	13,988.00	-0-	496,740.47
Gates	8,457.00	5,077.00	530.00	36,185.00	-0-	94.00	-0-	50,343.00
Graham	2,757.00	1,656.00	650.00	13,940.66	-0-	80.00	-0-	19,083.66
Granville	21,672.00	8,710.00	2,799.00	116,734.00	-0-	1,843.00	295.00	152,053.00
Greene	7,658.00	4,784.00	1,220.00	39,458.00	-0-	84.00	-0-	53,204.00
Guilford	221,573.10	34,602.00	24,578.50	661,986.18	-0-	66,203.00	-0-	1,008,942.76
Halifax	38,710.00	26,871.00	5,757.00	259,210.80	4,605.00	3,603.00	737.00	339,493.80
Harnett	28,777.00	15,148.00	2,764.00	164,426.24	7,778.0	3,499.80	1,286.00	223,679.04
Haywood	24,764.10	14,657.00	844.50	185,824.41	1,114.00	1,570.00	2.00	228,776.01
Henderson	30,077.50	14,654.00	5,973.00	150,405.42	-0-	2,524.00	-0-	203,633.92
Hertford	21,736.00	13,123.20	2,687.00	97,475.42	-0-	1,748.00	-0-	136,769.62
Hoke	14,825.00	8,135.00	3,636.00	110,196.00	-0-	378.00	-0-	137,170.00
Hyde	2,859.00	1,760.00	85.00	19,525.50	-0-	-0-	-0-	24,229.50
Iredell	42,326.00	19,071.75	3,157.00	218,721.903	7,977.00	6,137.00	773.00	298,163.65
Jackson	11,391.00	7,364.86	1,530.00	86,435.003	-0-	-0-	-0-	106,720.86
Johnston	43,541.50	28,270.00	8,726.25	273,352.923	8,631.00	3,578.00	756.00	366,855.67
Jones	6,573.00	3,158.00	475.00	37,667.653	-0-	520.00	-0-	48,393.65

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AMOUNTS OF FEES, FINES AND FORFEITURES COLLECTED BY THE COURTS AND DISTRIBUTED TO COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES*

July 1, 1978 — June 30, 1979

	Distributed to Counties				Distributed to Municipalities			
	Facility Fees	Officer Fees	Jail Fees	Fines and Forfeitures	Facility Fees	Officer Fees	Jail Fees	Total
Lee	26,681.00	13,418.15	6,361.00	97,197.91	-0-	4,889.00	-0-	148,547.06
Lenoir	45,658.00	15,855.00	6,525.00	202,789.25	-0-	5,740.00	-0-	276,567.25
Lincoln	20,921.00	12,572.00	418.00	66,621.00	-0-	442.00	-0-	100,974.00
Macon	10,038.00	6,269.96	600.00	101,050.80	-0-	427.00	-0-	118,385.76
Madison	6,900.00	4,362.00	1,234.00	33,335.00	-0-	48.00	-0-	45,879.00
Martin	18,285.00	10,608.00	380.00	85,426.50	-0-	1,412.00	-0-	116,111.50
McDowell	21,604.55	12,443.75	5,077.00	141,905.73	-0-	974.00	-0-	182,005.03
Mecklenburg	268,350.75	104,637.05	68.00	986,036.45	-0-	54,113.00	-0-	1,413,205.25
Mitchell	5,228.00	3,017.00	891.00	26,708.00	-0-	350.00	-0-	36,194.00
Montgomery	20,722.00	14,406.00	4,310.00	62,707.40	-0-	611.00	-0-	102,756.40
Moore	28,658.00	20,289.00	1,960.00	165,782.55	5,632.00	2,716.00	666.00	225,703.55
Nash	30,196.63	24,533.02	5,221.00	212,686.62	15,697.00	5,720.00	1,65.00	295,713.27
New Hanover	75,116.25	17,536.30	9,755.00	371,945.97	-0-	14,860.00	570.00	489,783.52
Northampton	20,923.00	13,890.00	2,433.00	112,971.68	-0-	742.00	-0-	150,959.68
Onslow	74,255.12	35,653.71	29,741.10	518,355.17	-0-	6,542.00	-0-	664,547.10
Orange	31,162.00	15,508.00	2,252.95	177,679.06	8,756.00	8,433.97	170.00	243,961.98
Pamlico	5,315.00	3,332.00	1,240.00	45,960.94	-0-	-0-	-0-	55,847.94
Pasquotank	18,868.00	6,777.00	1,530.00	122,785.00	-0-	4,369.00	-0-	154,329.00
Pender	15,452.50	8,345.00	3,220.00	115,788.88	-0-	1,130.00	-0-	143,936.38
Perquimans	5,895.00	3,028.00	1,020.00	37,829.70	-0-	626.00	-0-	48,398.70
Person	17,648.00	6,475.00	1,890.00	88,495.50	900.00	2,066.00	-0-	117,474.50
Pitt	57,919.00	19,250.95	7,138.00	283,196.64	6,58.00	14,161.00	1,007.00	389,130.59
Polk	8,322.90	5,431.00	2,040.00	73,550.50	306.00	-0-	89,650.40	
Randolph	40,178.00	29,502.59	4,159.00	159,565.84	1,288.00	2,889.00	-0-	237,582.43
Richmond	32,360.20	15,191.00	5,031.00	156,552.90	-0-	1,571.00	-0-	210,706.10
Robeson	61,352.5	38,062.78	14,367.00	443,357.88	10,815.00	21,847.00	1,941.00	591,743.16
Rockingham	38,179.00	21,679.00	4,277.00	219,270.60	13,489.00	9,358.00	456.00	306,708.60
Rowan	51,010.00	30,236.28	3,809.50	214,135.05	-0-	6,246.00	-0-	305,436.83
Rutherford	21,237.00	9,106.00	6,239.80	126,162.75	-0-	1,604.00	-0-	164,349.55
Sampson	48,502.18	32,448.00	8,061.00	219,603.83	-0-	1,912.00	-0-	310,527.01
Scotland	26,058.00	13,947.00	4,631.00	134,894.00	-0-	3,388.00	-0-	182,918.00
Stanly	31,533.00	10,680.00	4,017.00	156,879.22	-0-	3,202.00	-0-	206,311.22
Stokes	16,399.00	9,246.70	2,050.00	65,501.50	-0-	396.00	-0-	93,773.20
Surry	36,241.00	24,853.38	3,215.00	175,419.65	1,176.00	4,932.00	710.00	246,547.03
Swain	7,334.00	3,904.75	2,081.00	43,646.00	-0-	146.00	-0-	57,111.75
Transylvania	12,626.00	8,669.35	1,696.00	54,172.33	-0-	922.00	-0-	78,085.68
Tyrrell	2,386.00	1,442.00	200.00	8,718.16	-0-	-0-	-0-	12,746.16
Union	36,225.00	21,794.00	7,246.35	192,173.69	-0-	3,778.00	0-	261,217.04
Vance	25,495.00	9,858.00	2,657.00	95,995.00	-0-	2,523.00	-0-	136,528.00
Wake	225,324.33	42,634.00	25,928.69	835,033.47	3,161.00	76,149.90	547.00	1,208,778.39
Warren	11,391.85	6,676.00	1,063.0	41,648.00	-0-	298.00	-0-	61,076.85
Washington	9,368.00	5,479.00	290.00	45,417.00	-0-	518.00	-0-	61,072.00
Watauga	16,896.20	9,085.00	2,773.00	99,321.25	-0-	1,848.00	-0-	129,923.45
Wayne	66,286.00	21,816.00	4,415.00	247,685.10	1,619.00	10,009.00	-0-	351,830.10
Wilkes	36,571.50	16,778.57	6,015.00	141,664.45	-0-	478.00	-0-	201,507.52
Wilson	37,032.00	24,139.24	6,725.00	173,279.67	-0-	8,731.090	-0-	259,906.91
Yadkin	16,771.21	7,795.00	1,825.00	64,119.00	-0-	628.00	-0-	91,138.21
Yancey	6,600.00	4,719.00	1,555.00	28,382.00	-0-	312.00	-0-	41,568.00
STATE TOTALS	$3,689,187.01	$1,619,218.04	$476,032.80	$17,703,927.78	$168,726.50	$621,035.62	$17,634.00	$24,295,761.75

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COST AND CASE DATA ON REPRESENTATION OF INDIGENTS

July 1, 1978 — June 30, 1979

The State provides legal counsel for indigent persons in a variety of actions and proceedings, as specified in the North Carolina General Statutes, Section 7A-450 *et seq.* These include criminal proceedings, judicial hospitalization proceedings, juvenile proceedings which may result in commitment to an institution or transfer to superior court for trial as an adult. Legal representation for indigents may be by assignment of private counsel, by assignment of special public counsel (involving mental hospital commitments), or by assignment of a public defender.

Five of North Carolina's judicial districts have an office of public defender: Districts 12, 18, 26, 27A, and 28. The other 28 districts utilize only assignments of private counsel. Private counsel may also be assigned in the five districts which have a public defender in the event of a conflict of interests involving the public defender's office and the indigent and in the event of unusual circumstances when, in the opinion of the court, the proper administration of justice requires the assignment of private counsel rather than the public defender in those cases.

In addition, the State provides a full-time special counsel at each of the State's four mental hospitals, to represent patients in commitment or recommitment hearings before a district court judge. Under North Carolina law, each patient committed to a mental hospital is entitled to a judicial hearing (before a district court judge) within 90 days after the initial commitment, a further hearing within 180 days after the initial commitment, and thereafter a hearing once each year during the continuance of an involuntary commitment.

Finally, the State provides a guardian *ad litem* for children alleged in juvenile petitions to be neglected unless the court finds that the child is not in need of and cannot benefit from such representation.[1] By statute the guardian *ad litem* is a licensed attorney and is compensated for his services in the same way as compensation is provided for representation of an indigent person.

The cost of the entire program of indigent representation, rounded to the nearest dollar, was $6,124,288 in the 1978-79 fiscal year, compared to $5,162,652 in the 1977-78 fiscal year, an increase of 18.6 percent. The total amount expended for representation of indigents was 9.8% of total Judicial Department expenditures in the 1978-79 fiscal year.

Following is a summary of case and cost data for representation of indigents, for the fiscal year, July 1, 1978 through June 30, 1979.

[1] G.S. 7A-283. Effective January 1, 1980, this section will be repealed and replaced by a new section, G.S. 7A-546, which will provide for the appointment of a guardian *ad litem* in all cases in which a petition alleges either neglect or "abuse." 1979 Session Laws, Chapter 815.

COST AND CASE DATA ON REPRESENTATION OF INDIGENTS
July 1, 1978 - June 30, 1979

	Number of Cases	Total Cost	Average Cost Per Case
Assigned Private Counsel			
Capital offense cases	171	$ 185,236	$1,083.25
Adult cases (other than capital)	24,920	4,080,358	163.74
Juvenile cases	2,500	150,573	60.23
As guardian *ad litem* for juveniles	1,407	152,328	108.26
Totals	28,998	$4,568,495	$ 157.55
Public Defender Offices			
District 12	1,520	$ 238,394	$ 156.84
District 18	2,453	295,651	120.53
District 26	4,322	284,572	65.84
District 27A	1,169	188,674	161.40
District 28	1,508	142,489	94.49
Totals	10,972	$1,149,780	$ 104.79
Special counsel at mental hospitals		$ 162,354	
Transcripts, records and briefs		$ 238,320	
Expert witness fees		$ 5,339	
Grand Total		$6,124,288	

As previously noted, private counsel may be utilized to represent indigents in those districts which have a public defender. Following is a comparison of case and cost data of the public defender offices with that of assigned private counsel in the five districts which have a public defender.

	Public Defenders			Assigned Private Counsel		
	Number of Cases	Total Cost	Average Case Cost	Number of Cases	Total Cost	Average Case Cost
District 12	1,520	$ 238,394	$156.84	202	$ 56,831	$281.34
District 18	2,453	295,651	120.53	489	64,085	131.05
District 26	4,322	284,572	65.84	911	167,082	183.41
District 27A	1,169	188,674	161.40	88	19,174	217.89
District 28	1,508	142,489	94.49	121	20,947	173.12
Totals	10,972	$1,149,780	$104.79	1,811	$328,119	$181.08

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The total cost of providing special counsel at each of the State's four mental hospitals, to represents patients in commitment or recommitment hearings, was $162,354 for the 1978-79 fiscal year. There were a total of 10,575 hearings held during the year, for an average cost per hearing of $15.35.

The following presents data on the hearings held at each of the mental hospitals in 1978-79. The total number of hearings held in 1978-79 represents a decrease of less than one percent compared to the 10,588 hearings held in 1977-78.

Initial Hearings resulting in:	**Broughton**	**Cherry**	**Dorothea Dix**	**John Umstead**	**Totals**
Commitment to hospital	501	1,331	411	657	2,900
Commitment to outpatient clinic	43	183	3	77	306
Discharge	2,257	1,247	627	1,190	5,321
Totals	2,801	2,761	1,041	1,924	8,527
First Rehearings resulting in:					
Commitment to hospital	54	148	105	192	499
Commitment to outpatient clinic	1	0	0	9	10
Discharge	81	60	30	138	309
Totals	136	208	135	339	818
Second or Subsequent Rehearings resulting in:					
Commitment to hospital	85	275	404	282	1,046
Commitment to outpatient clinic	0	0	0	1	1
Discharge	23	21	17	56	117
Totals	108	296	421	339	1,164
Modification of Prior Order Hearings resulting in:					
Commitment to hospital	2	27	0	2	31
Commitment to outpatient clinic	3	3	0	0	6
Discharge	0	29	0	0	29
Totals	5	59	0	2	66
Total Hearings or Rehearings resulting in:					
Commitment to hospital	642	1,781	920	1,133	4,476
Commitment to outpatient clinic	47	186	3	87	323
Discharge	2,361	1,357	674	1,384	5,776
Totals	3,050	3,324	1,597	2,604	10,575

The following table compares the number of assigned private counsel cases and expenditures in each county and judicial district for fiscal years 1977-78 and 1978-79. There was a substantial increase in the number of cases for the State as a whole, from 26,026 cases in 1977-78 to 28,998 cases in 1978-79, an increase of 11.4%. Expenditures increased by 21.9%, from $3,748,334 in 1977-78 to $4,568,495 in 1978-79.

By far the largest increases in both the number of cases handled by assigned private counsel and expenditures for the services occurred in District 27B, where the number of cases rose by nearly 600% and expenditures increased by over 350%. This is due to the fact that prior to the division of Districts 27A and 27B on July 1, 1978, the public defender's office which now serves only District 27A provided representation for indigents in District 27B as well.

ASSIGNED COUNSEL — NUMBERS OF CASES AND EXPENDITURES
Fiscal Years 1977-78 and 1978-79

	Number of Cases		% Increase or Decrease	Expenditures		% Increase or Decrease
	1977-78	1978-79		1977-78	1978-79	
District 1						
Camden	11	20	+ 81.8%	$ 1,420	$ 3,572	+151.5%
Chowan	54	61	+ 13.0%	10,141	11,235	+ 10.8%
Currituck	62	58	− 6.5%	9,193	10,828	+ 17.8%
Dare	26	61	+134.6%	4,807	14,402	+199.6%
Gates	12	30	+150.0%	1,723	5,838	+238.8%
Pasquotank	147	158	+ 7.5%	18,626	23,370	+ 25.5%
Perquimans	45	47	+ 4.4%	7,482	9,185	+ 22.8%
District Totals	**357**	**435**	**+ 21.8%**	**$ 53,392**	**$ 78,430**	**+ 46.9%**
District 2						
Beaufort	177	178	+ 0.6%	$ 24,850	$ 29,948	+ 20.5%
Hyde	10	16	+ 60.0%	1,755	2,624	+ 49.5%
Martin	92	122	+ 32.6%	16,897	16,223	− 4.0%
Tyrrell	11	19	+ 72.7%	1,144	2,355	+105.9%
Washington	53	49	− 7.5%	6,494	7,477	+ 15.1%
District Totals	**343**	**384**	**+ 12.0%**	**$ 51,140**	**58,627**	**+ 14.6%**
District 3						
Carteret	208	204	− 1.9%	$ 36,951	$ 32,867	− 11.1%
Craven	287	377	+ 31.4%	33,598	64,466	+ 91.9%
Pamlico	32	33	+ 3.1%	3,235	4,672	+ 44.4%
Pitt	637	680	+ 6.8%	104,711	140,515	+ 34.2%
District Totals	**1,164**	**1,294**	**+ 11.2%**	**$ 178,495**	**$ 242,520**	**+ 35.9%**
District 4						
Duplin	198	183	− 7.6%	$ 33,710	$ 39,405	+ 16.9%
Jones	74	92	+ 24.3%	10,126	14,698	+ 45.2%
Onslow	670	633	− 5.5%	89,976	119,004	+ 32.3%
Sampson	260	277	+ 6.5%	45,638	51,213	+ 12.2%
District Totals	**1,202**	**1,185**	**− 1.4%**	**$ 179,450**	**$ 224,320**	**+ 25.0%**
District 5						
New Hanover	436	454	+ 4.1%	$ 102,414	$ 101,470	− 0.9%
Pender	66	54	− 18.2%	8,680	8,534	− 1.7%
District Totals	**502**	**508**	**+ 1.2%**	**$ 111,094**	**$ 110,004**	**− 1.0%**
District 6						
Bertie	144	113	− 21.5%	$ 16,522	$ 14,295	− 13.5%
Halifax	359	350	− 2.5%	45,359	48,214	+ 6.3%
Hertford	164	156	− 4.9%	24,486	19,521	− 20.3%
Northampton	85	67	− 21.2%	14,421	9,286	− 35.6%
District Totals	**752**	**686**	**− 8.8%**	**$ 100,788**	**$ 91,316**	**− 9.4%**
District 7						
Edgecombe	328	441	+ 34.5%	$ 54,624	$ 87,228	+ 59.7%
Nash	284	393	+ 38.4%	54,731	77,254	+ 41.2%
Wilson	350	383	+ 9.4%	72,583	73,408	+ 1.1%
District Totals	**962**	**1,217**	**+ 26.5%**	**$ 181,938**	**$ 237,890**	**+ 30.8%**

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ASSIGNED COUNSEL — NUMBERS OF CASES AND EXPENDITURES
Fiscal Years 1977-78 and 1978-79

	Number of Cases		% Increase or Decrease	Expenditures		% Increase or Decrease
	1977-78	1978-79		1977-78	1978-79	
District 8						
Greene	68	71	+ 4.4%	$ 8,079	$ 12,300	+ 52.2%
Lenoir	422	558	+ 32.2%	50,491	67,926	+ 34.5%
Wayne	548	707	+ 29.0%	73,067	108,414	+ 48.4%
District Totals	**1,038**	**1,336**	**+ 28.7%**	**$ 131,637**	**$ 188,640**	**+ 43.3%**
District 9						
Franklin	169	180	+ 6.5%	$ 22,139	$ 29,569	+ 33.6%
Granville	266	210	− 21.1%	34,702	36,867	+ 6.2%
Person	196	134	− 31.6%	26,488	25,196	− 4.9%
Vance	309	287	− 7.1%	38,675	42,965	+ 11.1%
Warren	106	115	+ 8.5%	13,628	16,921	+ 24.2%
District Totals	**1,046**	**926**	**− 11.5%**	**$ 135,632**	**$ 151,518**	**+ 11.7%**
District 10						
Wake	**1,814**	**1,897**	**+ 4.6%**	**$ 208,212**	**$ 271,290**	**+ 30.3%**
District 11						
Harnett	171	236	+ 38.0%	$ 24,866	$ 37,448	+ 50.6%
Johnston	451	491	+ 8.9%	38,717	48,198	+2 4.5%
Lee	163	224	+ 37.4%	20,818	27,004	+ 29.7%
District Totals	**785**	**951**	**+ 21.1%**	**$ 84,401**	**$ 112,650**	**+ 33.5%**
District 12						
Cumberland	180	180	0.0%	$ 44,578	$ 53,731	+ 20.5%
Hoke	30	22	− 26.7%	3,470	3,100	− 10.7%
District Totals	**210**	**202**	**− 3.8%**	**$ 48,048**	**$ 56,831**	**+ 18.3%**
District 13						
Bladen	186	228	+ 22.6%	$ 25,589	$ 29,173	+ 14.0%
Brunswick	142	117	− 17.6%	20,100	17,552	− 12.7%
Columbus	386	471	+ 22.0%	50,063	57,501	+ 14.9%
District Totals	**714**	**816**	**+ 14.3%**	**$ 95,752**	**$ 104,226**	**+ 8.8%**
District 14						
Durham	**1,415**	**1,401**	**− 1.0%**	**$ 208,594**	**$ 228,282**	**+ 9.4%**
District 15A						
Alamance	**583**	**622**	**+ 6.7%**	**$ 100,824**	**$ 103,095**	**+ 2.3%**
District 15B						
Chatham	106	115	+ 8.5%	$ 19,922	$ 17,913	− 10.1%
Orange	334	459	+ 37.4%	56,775	93,152	+ 64.1%
District Totals	**440**	**574**	**+ 30.5%**	**$ 76,697**	**$ 111,065**	**+ 44.8%**
District 16						
Robeson	673	697	+ 3.6%	$ 107,371	$ 338,943	+ 10.8%
Scotland	234	260	+ 11.1%	30,095	36,314	+ 20.7%
District Totals	**907**	**957**	**+ 5.5%**	**$ 137,466**	**$ 155,257**	**+ 12.9%**

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT FINANCES

ASSIGNED COUNSEL — NUMBERS OF CASES AND EXPENDITURES
Fiscal Years 1977-78 and 1978-79

	Number of Cases		% Increase	Expenditures		% Increase
	1977-78	1978-79	or Decrease	1977-78	1978-79	or Decrease
District 17						
Caswell	88	117	+ 33.0%	$ 15,594	$ 24,515	+ 57.2%
Rockingham	454	428	− 5.7%	73,382	73,387	+ 0.0%
Stokes	116	82	− 29.3%	20,449	12,949	− 36.7%
Surry	331	347	+ 4.8%	47,772	56,073	+ 17.4%
District Totals	**989**	**974**	**− 1.5%**	**$ 157,197**	**$ 166,924**	**+ 6.2%**
District 18						
Guilford	**267**	**489**	**+ 83.1%**	**$ 64,085**	**$ 110,285**	**+ 72.1%**
District 19A						
Cabarrus	436	487	+ 11.7%	$ 63,423	87,677	+ 38.2%
Rowan	735	838	+ 14.0%	76,102	95,557	+ 25.6%
District Totals	**1,171**	**1,325**	**+ 13.2%**	**$ 139,525**	**$ 183,234**	**+ 31.3%**
District 19B						
Montgomery	182	165	− 9.3%	$ 26,491	$ 24,467	− 7.6%
Randolph	281	367	+ 30.6%	42,672	83,354	+ 95.3%
District Totals	**463**	**532**	**+ 14.9%**	**$ 69,163**	**$ 107,821**	**+ 55.9%**
District 20						
Anson	231	244	+ 5.6%	$ 34,483	$ 34,778	+ 0.9%
Moore	243	318	+ 30.9%	28,903	39,128	+ 35.4%
Richmond	305	418	+ 37.0%	37,702	54,577	+ 44.8%
Stanly	203	322	+ 58.6%	34,707	48,562	+ 39.9%
Union	395	390	− 1.3%	50,663	43,851	− 13.4%
District Totals	**1,377**	**1,692**	**+ 22.9%**	**$ 186,458**	**$ 220,896**	**+ 18.5%**
District 21						
Forsyth	**2,053**	**2,245**	**+ 9.4%**	**$ 240,385**	**$ 271,590**	**+ 13.0%**
District 22						
Alexander	130	95	− 26.9%	$ 26,371	$ 19,893	− 24.6%
Davidson	473	480	+ 1.5%	71,091	75,363	+ 6.0%
Davie	59	85	+ 44.1%	9,176	15,238	+ 66.1%
Iredell	357	338	− 5.3%	50,254	51,180	+ 1.8%
District Totals	**1,019**	**998**	**− 2.1%**	**$ 156,892**	**$ 161,674**	**+ 3.0%**
District 23						
Alleghany	24	26	+ 8.3%	$ 2,525	$ 4,127	+ 63.4%
Ashe	111	88	− 20.7%	25,252	9,495	− 62.4%
Wilkes	194	287	+ 47.9%	28,126	32,627	+ 16.0%
Yadkin	79	103	− 30.4%	15,289	10,018	− 34.5%
District Totals	**408**	**504**	**+ 23.5%**	**$ 71,192**	**$ 56,267**	**− 21.0%**

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT FINANCES

ASSIGNED COUNSEL — NUMBERS OF CASES AND EXPENDITURES
Fiscal Years 1977-78 and 1978-79

	Number of Cases		% Increase or Decrease	Expenditures		% Increase or Decrease
	1977-78	1978-79		1977-78	1978-79	
District 24						
Avery	80	103	+ 28.8%	$ 11,322	$ 21,330	− 88.4%
Madison	46	67	+ 45.7%	12,366	8,149	− 34.1%
Mitchell	39	71	+ 82.1%	3,783	12,100	+219.9%
Watauga	105	112	+ 6.7%	11,760	17,592	+ 49.6%
Yancey	52	34	− 34.6%	5,375	4,217	− 21.5%
District Totals	**322**	**387**	**+ 20.2%**	**$ 44,606**	**$ 63,388**	**+ 42.1%**
District 25						
Burke	389	472	+ 21.3%	$ 53,087	$ 83,115	+ 56.6%
Caldwell	370	409	+ 10.5%	47,289	61,840	+ 30.8%
Catawba	634	603	− 4.9%	82,672	90,393	+ 9.3%
District Totals	**1,393**	**1,484**	**+ 6.5%**	**$ 183,048**	**$ 235,348**	**+ 28.6%**
District 26						
Mecklenburg	**792**	**911**	**+ 15.0%**	**$ 135,621**	**$ 167,082**	**+ 23.2%**
District 27A						
Gaston	**91**	**88**	**− 3.3%**	**$ 14,098**	**$ 19,174**	**+ 36.0%**
District 27B						
Cleveland	37	285	+670.3%	$ 9,996	$ 49,681	+397.0%
Lincoln	31	184	+493.5%	6,492	25,998	+300.5%
District Totals	**68**	**469**	**+589.7%**	**$ 16,488**	**$ 75,679**	**+359.0%**
District 28						
Buncombe	**80**	**121**	**+ 51.3%**	**$ 11,021**	**$ 20,947**	**+ 90.1%**
District 29						
Henderson	226	334	+ 47.8%	$ 30,376	$ 45,067	+ 48.4%
McDowell	199	193	− 3.0%	25,695	26,900	+ 4.7%
Polk	64	48	− 25.0%	10,324	5,719	− 44.6%
Rutherford	171	188	+ 9.9%	22,159	23,767	+ 7.3%
Transylvania	93	111	+ 19.4%	13,184	13,020	− 1.2%
District Totals	**753**	**874**	**+ 16.1%**	**$ 101,738**	**$ 114,473**	**+ 12.5%**
District 30						
Cherokee	107	79	− 26.2%	$ 12,759	$ 11,328	− 11.2%
Clay	14	21	+ 50.0%	1,633	4,985	+205.3%
Graham	21	18	− 14.3%	2,760	2,414	− 12.5%
Haywood	178	240	+ 34.8%	24,609	30,558	+ 24.2%
Jackson	79	52	− 34.2%	13,125	6,514	− 50.4%
Macon	90	76	− 15.6%	10,602	7,031	− 33.7%
Swain	57	28	− 50.9%	7,769	4,922	− 36.6%
District Totals	**546**	**514**	**− 5.9%**	**$ 73,257**	**$ 67,752**	**− 7.5%**
STATE TOTALS	**26,026**	**28,998**	**+ 11.4%**	**$3,748,334**	**$4,568,495**	**+ 21.9%**

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL
(Positions and salaries authorized as of June 30, 1979)

Positions authorized		Salary ranges
	SUPREME COURT	
7	Justices	$47,000 - $48,000*
23	Staff Personnel (Clerk's and Reporter's offices, law clerks, library staff)	$ 6,180 - $32,760
7	Secretarial personnel	$12,276 - $12,840
	COURT OF APPEALS	
12	Judges	$44,500 - $45,500*
26	Staff personnel	$ 6,180 - $26,124
14	Secretarial personnel	$11,736 - $12,276
	SUPERIOR COURT	
66	Judges	$39,500*
63	Staff personnel	$12,276 - $20,376
33	Secretarial personnel	$ 7,608 - $10,296
	DISTRICT COURT	
127	Judges	$32,000 - $33,250*
589	Magistrates	$ 2,052 - $12,168*
33	Staff personnel	$ 8,664 - $11,736
4	Secretarial personnel	$ 7,608 - $11,232
	DISTRICT ATTORNEYS	
33	District Attorneys	$36,750*
222	Staff personnel	$10,296 - $32,556
58	Secretarial personnel	$ 7,608 - $11,232
	CLERKS OF SUPERIOR COURT	
100	Clerks of Superior Court	$13,000 - $31,000*
1,387	Staff personnel	$ 6,960 - $19,404
7	Secretarial personnel	$ 7,608 - $11,232
	INDIGENT REPRESENTATION	
5	Public Defenders	$36,750*
48	Staff personnel	$ 7,608 - $24,504
4	Special counsel at mental hospitals	$14,508 - $23,748
4	Secretarial personnel	$ 7,608 - $ 9,444
	JUVENILE PROBATION AND AFTERCARE	
281	Court counselors	$10,296 - $19,404
50	Secretarial personnel	$ 7,608 - $ 9,864
	ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS	
1	Administrative Officer of the Courts	$42,000*
1	Assistant Administrative Officer of the Courts	$30,000*
92	Staff personnel	$ 6,180 - $36,060

**1977 Session Laws*, Second (1978) Session, Ch. 1136.

PART IV

COURTS CASELOAD DATA

- Appellate Division
- Superior Court Division
- District Court Division

COURTS CASELOAD DATA

This part of the Annual Report has been designed to summarize the fiscal year 1978-79 numerically by displaying pertinent court data on a district-by-district and county-by-county basis. The statistics presented in this section have been recorded and calculated from reports submitted to the Administrative Office of the Courts by the clerks of superior court across the state. For ease in reference, this part is subdivided into an appellate division section, a superior court division section, and a district court division section.

The appellate division receives as much coverage as present record-reporting will allow. The expanded Supreme Court section includes detailed accounts of the activities of that court that have not been available in previous years. The time period covered by the Supreme Court data does not coincide with the fiscal-year frame of the rest of the report, but is sufficiently close to that for the superior or district courts that the time difference is not material.

The data on the superior court and district court divisions parallel each other in terms of organization. Total caseloads in each division are subdivided into criminal and civil categories. A fairly comprehensive analytical summary is then presented which provides an overview of court activities by utilizing three basic tables: a caseload summary table, a manner of disposition table, and an aging table. The caseload summary tables provide a picture of caseflow over the year; items recorded in this table include number of cases pending at the beginning of the year, number of new cases filed, number of cases disposed of during the year, and number of cases left pending at the close of the year. The manner of disposition tables depict a breakdown of all cases disposed of. The types of dispositions included in these tables depend upon the case category in question. The aging tables serve a dual purpose in that ages of cases pending on June 30, 1979, as well as ages of all cases disposed of during the year, appear in the same table for a given case category. Appropriate summary statistics, such as average age and median age, accompany counts or percentages of cases within specified age groupings. Graphics interspersed throughout the data tables depict the table data on a statewide basis. Trend graphs over five or ten year period accompany the caseload summary tables, and pie charts and bar charts display various summaries for the present fiscal year.

On the whole, the types of data presented in the caseload summary section of this Annual Report differ very little from data recorded in North Carolina Annual Reports in previous years. The format, however, has undergone substantial changes, a few new summary statistics have been calculated for various tables, and several graphs are included to provide visual summaries.

Part IV, Section 1

Appellate Division Caseload Data

THE SUPREME COURT

The North Carolina Supreme Court is the court of last resort in the state and, as such, is responsible for reviewing many decisions of the lower courts, including the North Carolina Court of Appeals. The granting of review in a given case depends upon the nature of the case and whether the parties have complied with the requirements of pertinent statutes and rules of court. Review as a matter of right is granted by the General Statutes in criminal cases in which the sentence imposed is life imprisonment or death and in any decision of the Court of Appeals in which a dissenting vote is cast. These two types of appeals comprise the majority of the court's caseload. There are other statutes which provide for an appeal of right to the Supreme Court conditional upon the existence of certain circumstances, and there are various methods by which the court's power of discretionary review may be sought. The purpose of any review by the Supreme Court is to determine whether errors of law have been commited by the lower court. Review may be in the form of hearing oral arguments and reading records and briefs prepared by the parties, as in statutory appeals of right, or in the form of considering petitions for discretionary review without oral argument. The court may order the filing of new briefs and oral arguments in any matter under its consideration.

All Supreme Court caseload data is recorded by *term*; the court sits in two terms per year, Spring Term and Fall Term. Since the Administrative Office of the Courts reports data on a fiscal year basis (July 1, 1978-June 30, 1979 for the 1978-79 fiscal year), Supreme Court data recorded here is for Fall Term 1978 (September 5, 1978-February 5, 1979) and Spring Term 1979 (February 6, 1979-September 4, 1979) as a reasonable approximation of the time period represented by a fiscal year. The data are divided into two categories for presentation below, cases and petitions. As the term is used here, a "case" is a matter before the court for determination or decision on one or more issues of law, and a "petition" is a request that the court accept a particular matter for consideration and decision on one or more issues of law.

Cases

One hundred thirty-three cases were docketed during the Fall Term and 124 during the Spring Term for a total of 257 cases for the year. The caseload summary that follows summarizes the actions of the court upon those cases:

	Fall Term	Spring Term	Total
Cases brought forward from previous terms	21	48*	69*
Cases docketed during current term	112	76	188
Total cases before the court	133	124	257
Cases withdrawn or dismissed	15	8	23
Opinions rendered	68	94	162
Cases carried forward to next term	50	19*	69*

*For the first time in recent history, the court called cases for argument in the month of January. Certain cases which had already been docketed to the Spring Term were heard in January, which was still the Fall Term 1978. Three of those cases were decided before the Fall Term 1978 ended.

THE SUPREME COURT

A detailed description of the cases before the Supreme Court for the Fall and Spring Terms illustrates the different types of cases before the Supreme Court during the 1978-79 year.

Type of Case	**Fall Term 1978**			**Spring Term 1979**		
	Civil	**Criminal**	**Total**	**Civil**	**Criminal**	**Total**
Advisari cases*	7	14	21	21	27	48
Life sentence	—	31	31	—	32	32
Death sentence	—	3	3	—	6	6
Dissent in Court of Appeals	16	6	22	4	5	9
Substantial constitutional question	2	7	9	5	2	7
Petiton for discretionary review of decision of Court of Appeals, allowed	25	9	34	8	4	12
Petition for discretionary review prior to determination by Court of Appeals, allowed	6	1	7	7	0	7
Petition for writ of certiorari	1	1	2	1	0	1
Petition to rehear	—	—	0	—	—	0
Judicial Standard Commission recommendation	—	—	1	—	—	0
On mandate from U.S. Supreme Court	—	—	0	—	—	2
Other statutory appeals of right	2	1	3	0	0	0
Total cases			133			124

* Advisari cases are those cases carried forward to the current term from a previous term.

The court rendered 162 opinions during the 1978-79 year, 68 during the Fall Term and 94 during the Spring Term. These opinions may affirm, modify, or reverse decisions made by lower courts, or combinations of these methods may occur. A summary of the 1978-79 opinions is related below by term:

Opinion	**Fall Term 1978**	**Spring Term 1979**	**Total**
Affirmed	41	54	95
Reversed	13	20	33
New Trial	5	13	18
Vacated and remanded	1	1	2
Affirmed in part and remanded	2	0	2
Order of removal of a judge	1	0	1
Affirmed in part and reversed in part	4	3	7
Modified and affirmed	1	3	4
Total opinions	68	94	162

THE SUPREME COURT

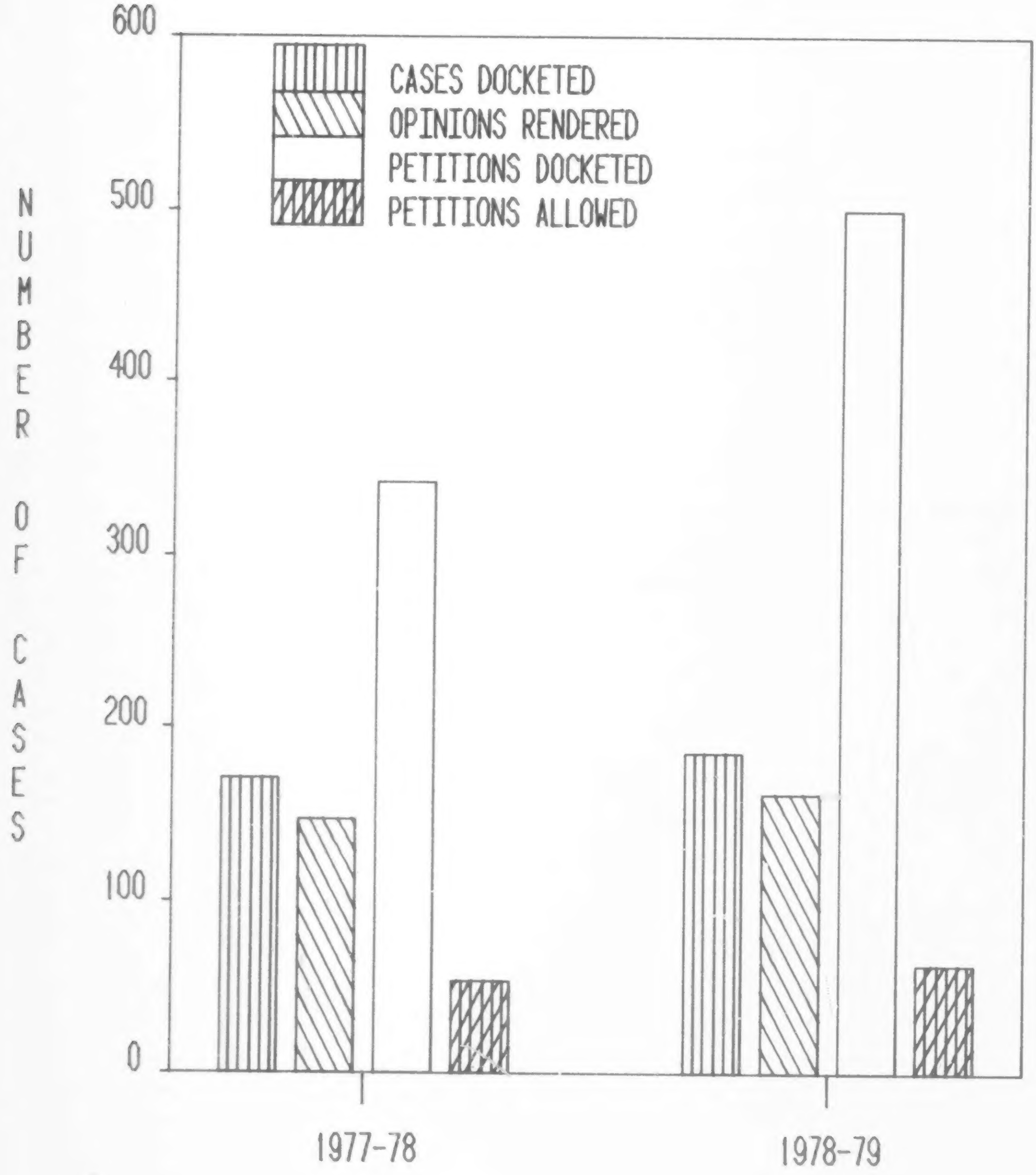
Petitions

Two hundred two petitions were docketed during Fall Term 1978 and 297 during Spring Term 1979 for a total of 499 petitions during the 1978-79 year. Petitions may be subdivided by type for each term to afford a better picture of the workload. The table that follows contains this breakdown:

	Fall Term 1978			Spring Term 1979		
Type of Petition	**Civil**	**Criminal**	**Total**	**Civil**	**Criminal**	**Total**
Discretionary review of decision of Court of Appeals	83	48	131	143	63	206
Allowed	10	9	19	17	4	21
Discretionary review prior to decision by Court of Appeals	9	0	9	10	0	10
Allowed	5	0	5	5	0	5
Petition for writ of certiorari	8	13	21	6	31	37
Allowed	5	2	7	3	3	6
Habeas corpus	—	2	2	—	1	1
Allowed	—	—	0	—	—	0
Supersedeas	—	—	14	2	0	2
Allowed	—	—	0	0	0	0
Mandamus or prohibition	1	0	1	1	2	3
Allowed	0	0	0	1	0	1
Application for further review	0	24	24	0	38	38
Allowed	0	1	1	0	0	0
On mandate from U.S. Supreme Court	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total petitions docketed			202			297
Total petitions allowed			32			33

The bar chart that follows presents a comparison of the 1977-78 year with the 1978-79 year in terms of cases and petitions docketed, opinions filed, and petitions allowed. For each category, there is an increase in the 1978-79 year over the prior year: for cases docketed there is an increase of 8.1%; for opinions filed the increase is 9.5%; for petitions docketed, the increase is 46.3%; and the number of petitions allowed rose by 20.8%.

SUPREME COURT CASELOAD SUMMARIES---1977-78 AND 1978-79



THE COURT OF APPEALS

For the fiscal year July 1, 1978 through June 30, 1979 the Court of Appeals reported dispositions in a total of 1,114 cases. A total of 671 published opinions were filed, of which 230 were in criminal cases and 441 were in civil cases, including appeals from the Insurance Commissioner, the Industrial Commission, and the Utilities Commission.

Dispositions in a total of 443 cases were reported without published opinions. Of these, 280 were criminal cases and 163 were civil cases.**

** More detailed fiscal year data on Court of Appeals activity was not available at the time of publication.

Part IV, Section 2

Superior Court Division Caseload Data

THE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION

Numbers of cases filed during the 1978-79 fiscal year increased in all categories of superior court cases. Trend graphs in this section verify increases in criminal and civil filings over recent years, and the caseload summary tables contain actual data for this fiscal year.

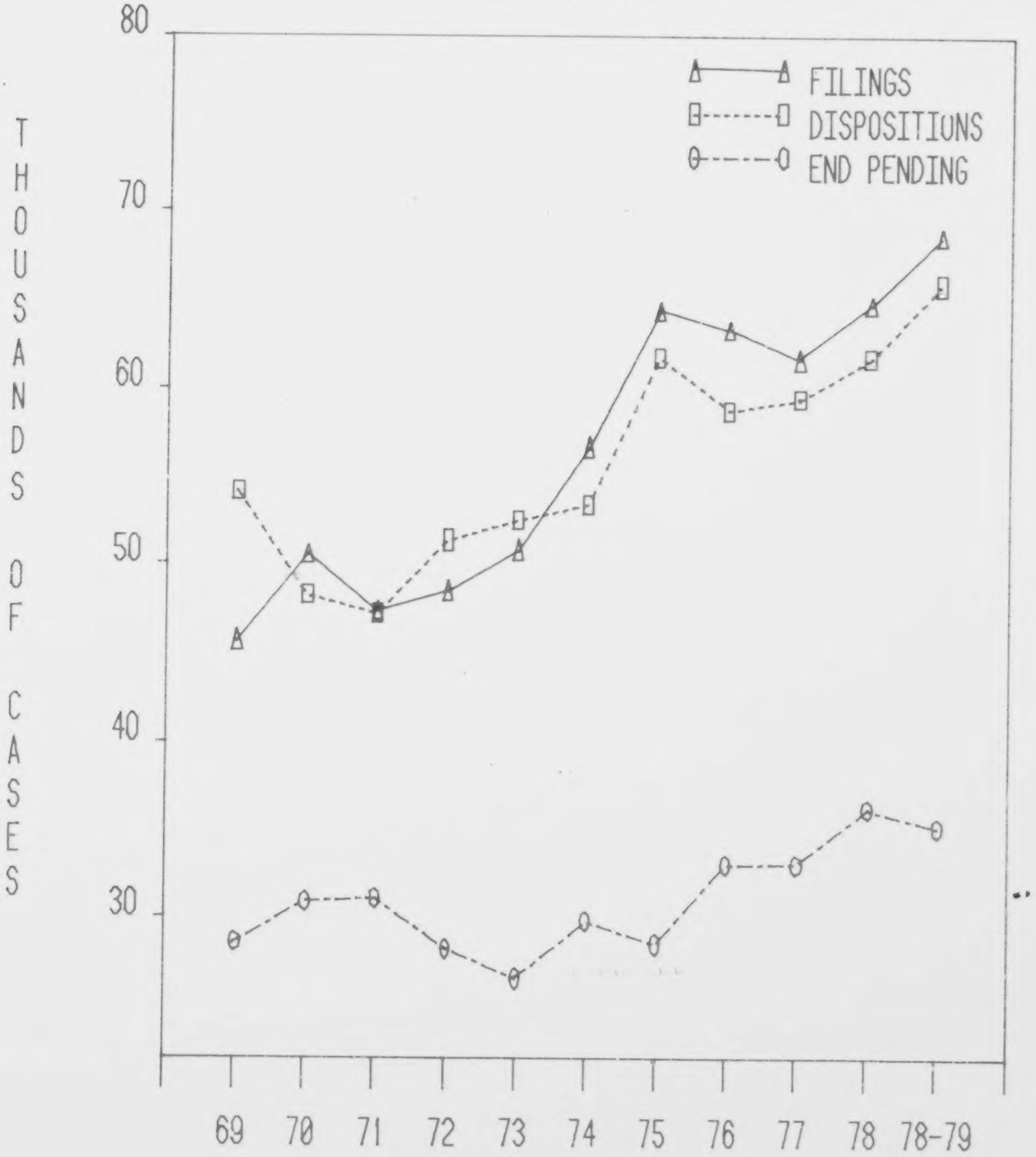
Pending caseload at the end of the year has continued to grow for civil cases in the superior courts, and this is the most likely case category to develop a backlog of pending cases. The median age of civil superior cases disposed during the 1978-79 year was 336.5 days; by definition, half of the civil cases were older than this when they were disposed. Present reporting systems do not provide for descriptions of civil cases, so charts and graphs in the civil section of this division do not reflect a breakdown of cases into various types.

The criminal portion of the superior court caseload is divided into felonies, original jurisdiction cases involving major crimes, and misdemeanor appeals, misdemeanor cases appealed from the district courts. The 1978-79 data reflects an increased number of filings over previous years in both categories, but felony cases continue to outweigh the appeals in volume, with felonies comprising approximately 57% of criminal superior court filings this year. Although substantially more criminal cases (54,587) were disposed this year than civil cases (11,324), criminal cases, by their nature, move through the courts much faster. The median age for felony cases disposed this year was 69.3 days, while median age for misdemeanor appeals was 61.5 days. These figures substantiate the very low number of cases reported dismissed for lack of a speedy trial.

In addition to civil and criminal cases, two other types of cases lie within the realm of superior court. The clerk of superior court has initial jurisdiction over estate and special proceeding cases, although rulings made by the clerk may be appealed to a superior court judge. Estate cases involve probate of will and administration of estates, while special proceedings fall into several categories, including petitions on foreclosures, incompetency of persons to manage personal financial affairs, and involuntary commitments to mental hospitals. The coverage of estates and special proceedings in this report is abbreviated. Caseload summaries are provided, but aging tables hold little value, since these case types often require unusually long periods of time between filing and disposition.

Detailed summaries of superior court caseloads, subdivided into civil, criminal, and estate and special proceeding cases as described above, follow in the form of tables and graphs.

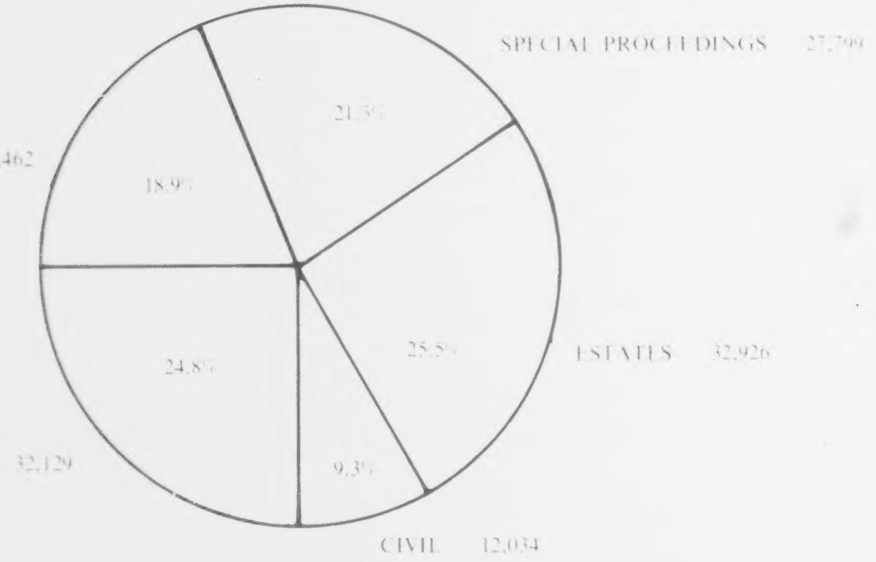
CASELOAD TRENDS IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS
1969-1979



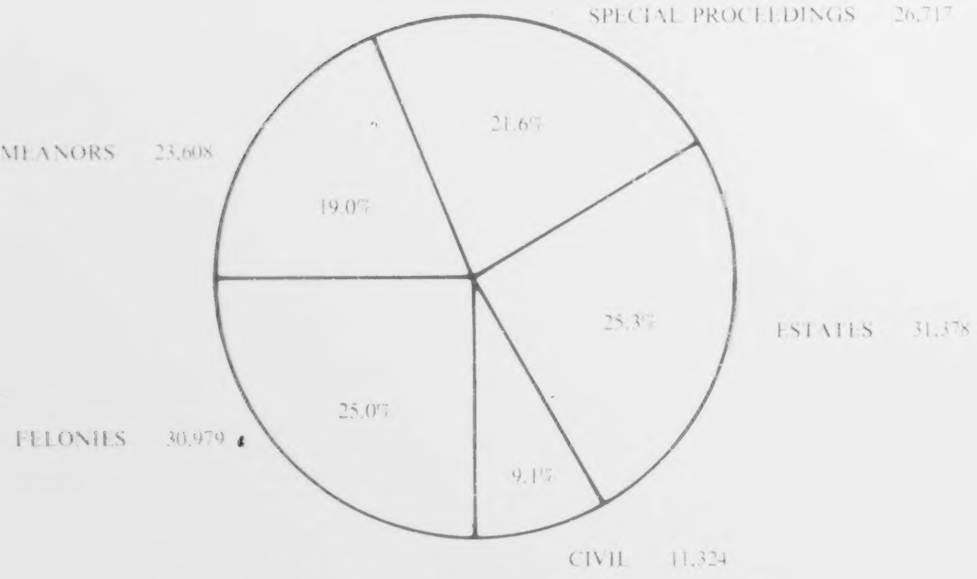
THE NUMBER OF FILINGS PER YEAR HAS GRADUALLY INCREASED SINCE 1969, AND DISPOSITIONS HAVE STRUGGLED TO MAINTAIN THE PACE DURING THE LAST FIVE YEARS. THE 1978-79 FILING RATE SHOWS AN 11.3% INCREASE OVER THE 1977 CALENDAR YEAR AND A 5.9% INCREASE OVER THE 1978 CALENDAR YEAR.

FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS IN THE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION
1978-79

FILINGS



DISPOSITIONS



The segmentation of these two pie charts is nearly identical. Dispositions as a percent of filings: Civil — 94.1%; Estates — 95.3%; Special Proceedings — 96.1%; Misdemeanors — 96.5%; and Felonies — 96.4%.

CASELOAD SUMMARIES FOR CIVIL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS
July 1, 1978-June 30, 1979

	Pending 7/1/78	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Disposed to Caseload	Pending 6/30/79
District 1						
Camden	4	13	17	6	35.2	11
Chowan	35	24	59	23	38.9	36
Currituck	25	38	63	23	36.5	40
Dare	102	52	154	56	36.3	98
Gates	11	13	24	12	50.0	12
Pasquotank	37	56	93	49	52.6	44
Perquimans	10	26	36	14	38.8	22
District Totals	224	222	446	183	41.0	263
District 2						
Beaufort	107	55	162	71	43.8	91
Hyde	8	16	24	8	33.3	16
Martin	33	37	70	33	47.1	37
Tyrrell	9	3	12	2	16.6	10
Washington	27	25	52	13	25.0	39
District Totals	184	136	320	127	39.6	193
District 3						
Carteret	156	96	252	73	28.9	179
Craven	169	156	325	109	33.5	216
Pamlico	22	28	50	21	42.0	29
Pitt	166	144	310	125	40.3	185
District Totals	513	424	937	328	35.0	609
District 4						
Duplin	55	54	109	32	29.3	77
Jones	25	18	43	19	44.1	24
Onslow	131	148	279	112	40.1	167
Sampson	96	90	186	114	61.2	72
District Totals	307	310	617	277	44.8	340
District 5						
New Hanover	225	180	405	166	40.9	239
Pender	55	17	72	9	12.5	63
District Totals	280	197	477	175	36.6	302
District 6						
Bertie	43	34	77	14	18.1	63
Halifax	79	68	147	40	27.2	107
Hertford	52	58	110	39	35.4	71
Northampton	30	30	60	20	33.3	40
District Totals	204	190	394	113	28.6	281
District 7						
Edgecombe	100	95	195	79	40.5	116
Nash	175	126	301	118	39.2	183
Wilson	204	118	322	158	49.0	164
District Totals	479	339	818	355	43.3	463
District 8						
Greene	20	9	29	10	34.4	19
Lenoir	208	119	327	180	55.0	147
Wayne	291	151	442	209	47.2	233
District Totals	519	279	798	399	50.0	399
District 9						
Franklin	86	48	134	56	41.7	78
Granville	47	33	80	39	48.7	41
Person	38	54	92	26	28.2	66
Vance	117	80	197	90	45.6	107
Warren	57	25	82	26	31.7	56
District Totals	345	240	585	237	40.5	348
District 10						
Wake	1,273	990	2,263	1,264	55.8	999

CASELOAD SUMMARIES FOR CIVIL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

July 1, 1978-June 30, 1979

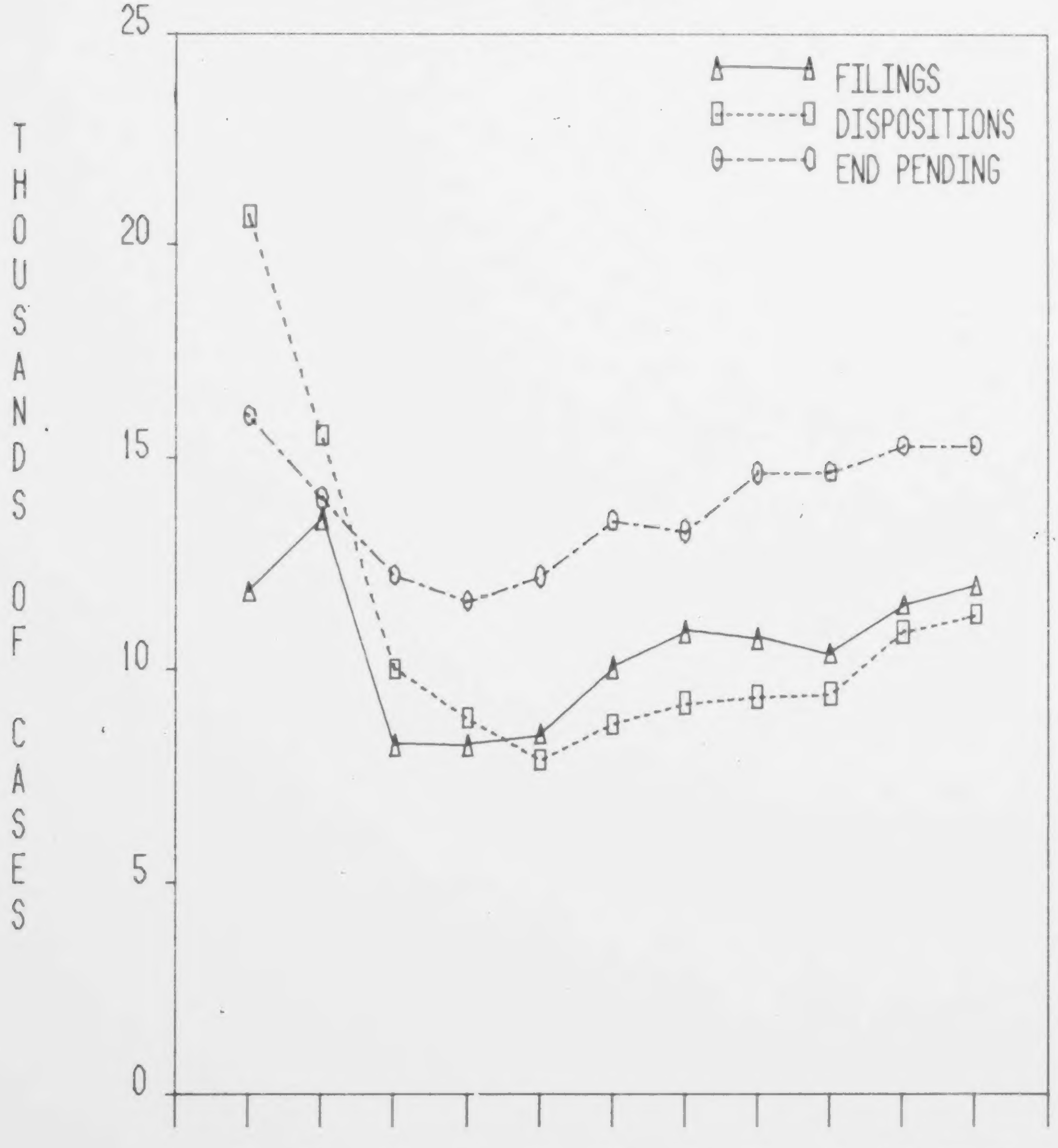
	Pending 7/1/78	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Disposed to Caseload	Pending 6/30/79
District 11						
Harnett	146	75	221	97	43.8	124
Johnston	170	91	261	61	23.3	200
Lee	90	76	166	82	49.3	84
District Totals	406	242	648	240	37.0	408
District 12						
Cumberland	396	319	715	310	43.3	405
Hoke	19	4	23	11	47.8	12
District Totals	415	323	738	321	43.4	417
District 13						
Bladen	41	20	61	24	39.3	37
Brunswick	137	55	192	83	43.2	109
Columbus	177	92	269	111	41.2	158
District Totals	355	167	522	218	41.7	304
District 14						
Durham	884	378	1,262	517	40.9	745
District 15A						
Alamance	124	174	298	124	41.6	174
District 15B						
Chatham	69	48	117	51	43.5	66
Orange	129	132	261	143	54.7	118
District Totals	198	180	378	194	51.3	184
District 16						
Robeson	80	82	162	71	43.8	91
Scotland	21	27	48	18	37.5	30
District Totals	101	109	210	89	42.3	121
District 17						
Caswell	14	17	31	15	48.3	16
Rockingham	126	135	261	121	46.3	140
Stokes	33	27	60	25	41.6	35
Surry	117	114	231	89	38.5	142
District Totals	290	293	583	250	42.8	333
District 18						
Guilford						
Greensboro	781	648	1,429	543	37.9	886
High Point	282	164	446	156	34.9	290
District Totals	1,063	812	1,875	699	37.2	1,176
District 19A						
Cabarrus	204	95	299	101	33.7	198
Rowan	139	117	256	118	46.0	138
District Totals	343	212	555	219	39.4	336
District 19B						
Montgomery	29	20	49	11	22.4	38
Randolph	137	133	270	117	43.3	153
District Totals	166	153	319	128	40.1	191
District 20						
Anson	96	34	130	39	30.0	91
Moore	84	102	186	54	29.0	132
Richmond	76	68	144	44	30.5	100
Stanly	77	41	118	48	40.6	70
Union	106	113	219	65	29.6	154
District Totals	439	358	797	250	31.3	547

CASELOAD SUMMARIES FOR CIVIL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

July 1, 1978-June 30, 1979

	Pending 7/1/78	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Disposed to Caseload	Pending 6/30/79
District 21						
Forsyth	796	604	1,400	626	44.7	774
District 22						
Alexander	18	21	39	21	53.8	18
Davidson	156	149	305	126	41.3	179
Davie	19	30	49	29	59.1	20
Iredell	119	151	270	136	50.3	134
District Totals	312	351	663	312	47.0	351
District 23						
Alleghany	18	32	50	35	70.0	15
Ashe	63	25	88	38	43.1	50
Wilkes	129	151	280	133	47.5	147
Yadkin	36	33	69	36	52.1	33
District Totals	246	241	487	242	49.6	245
District 24						
Avery	43	39	82	38	46.3	44
Madison	25	42	67	25	37.3	42
Mitchell	37	39	76	37	48.6	39
Watauga	76	80	156	87	55.7	69
Yancey	9	29	38	14	36.8	24
District Totals	190	229	419	201	47.9	218
District 25						
Burke	175	148	323	124	38.3	199
Caldwell	115	140	255	117	45.8	138
Catawba	174	276	450	222	49.3	228
District Totals	464	564	1,028	463	45.0	565
District 26						
Mecklenburg	1,729	1,704	3,433	1,286	37.4	2,147
District 27A						
Gaston	431	379	810	339	41.8	471
District 27B						
Cleveland	83	167	250	92	36.8	158
Lincoln	36	70	106	61	57.5	45
District Totals	119	237	356	153	42.9	203
District 28						
Buncombe	368	500	868	463	53.3	405
District 29						
Henderson	156	85	241	91	37.7	150
McDowell	48	41	89	31	34.8	58
Polk	16	23	39	14	35.8	25
Rutherford	55	77	132	54	40.9	78
Transylvania	52	35	87	33	37.9	54
District Totals	327	261	588	223	37.9	365
District 30						
Cherokee	40	31	71	37	52.1	34
Clay	5	11	16	8	50.0	8
Graham	11	19	30	12	40.0	18
Haywood	118	70	188	87	46.2	101
Jackson	160	41	201	84	41.7	117
Macon	111	41	152	60	39.4	92
Swain	25	23	48	21	43.7	27
District Totals	470	236	706	309	43.7	397
STATE TOTALS	14,564	12,034	26,598	11,324	42.5	15,274

CASELOAD TRENDS OF CIVIL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS 1969-1979



THIS GRAPH DISPLAYS AN OBVIOUS BACKLOG OF PENDING CASES. SINCE 1971, THE NUMBER OF CIVIL CASES PENDING AT THE END OF A YEAR HAS BEEN SUBSTANTIALLY GREATER THAN THE NUMBER OF CASES FILED OR DISPOSED DURING THAT TIME. SINCE 1973, DISPOSITIONS HAVE LAGGED BEHIND FILINGS.

MANNER OF DISPOSITION OF CIVIL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURT

July 1, 1978-June 30, 1979

	Total Disposed	Judge	Jury	Clerk	Voluntary Dismissal*	Other
District 1						
Camden	6	1	1	0	2	2
Chowan	23	9	3	2	7	2
Currituck	23	6	1	6	4	6
Dare	56	17	1	5	16	17
Gates	12	3	0	6	3	0
Pasquotank	49	12	8	4	6	19
Perquimans	14	3	1	4	3	3
District Totals	183	51	15	27	41	49
District 2						
Beaufort	71	42	1	10	8	10
Hyde	8	3	0	0	4	1
Martin	33	9	4	5	5	10
Tyrrell	2	0	0	0	1	1
Washington	13	3	1	3	2	4
District Totals	127	57	6	18	20	26
District 3						
Carteret	73	21	3	13	11	25
Craven	109	35	9	16	21	28
Pamlico	21	8	1	0	7	5
Pitt	125	44	4	13	23	41
District Totals	328	108	17	42	62	99
District 4						
Duplin	32	13	1	6	3	9
Jones	19	5	2	6	3	3
Onslow	112	34	8	26	22	22
Sampson	114	32	9	13	9	51
District Totals	277	84	20	51	37	85
District 5						
New Hanover	166	70	10	6	46	34
Pender	9	3	0	0	3	3
District Totals	175	73	10	6	49	37
District 6						
Bertie	14	4	0	1	7	2
Halifax	40	17	1	5	6	11
Hertford	39	11	2	7	10	9
Northampton	20	6	1	1	5	7
District Totals	113	38	4	14	28	29
District 7						
Edgecombe	79	23	3	3	24	26
Nash	118	42	3	5	26	42
Wilson	158	43	13	16	51	35
District Totals	355	108	19	24	101	103
District 8						
Greene	10	6	0	0	2	2
Lenoir	180	79	3	25	33	40
Wayne	209	53	8	14	38	96
District Totals	399	138	11	39	73	138
District 9						
Franklin	56	14	0	8	19	15
Granville	39	18	1	5	9	6
Person	26	6	2	2	4	12
Vance	90	39	0	9	18	24
Warren	26	12	0	1	2	11
District Totals	237	89	3	25	52	68
District 10						
Wake	1,264	665	62	71	262	204

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MANNER OF DISPOSITION OF CIVIL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURT

July 1, 1978-June 30, 1979

	Total Disposed	Judge	Jury	Clerk	Voluntary Dismissal*	Other
District 11						
Harnett	97	33	2	7	36	19
Johnston	61	18	3	3	16	21
Lee	82	37	0	11	5	29
District Totals	240	88	5	21	57	69
District 12						
Cumberland	310	99	9	21	51	130
Hoke	11	1	0	3	0	7
District Totals	321	100	9	24	51	137
District 13						
Bladen	24	9	1	3	7	4
Brunswick	83	46	4	4	7	22
Columbus	111	39	10	5	29	28
District Totals	218	94	15	12	43	54
District 14						
Durham	517	119	15	45	95	243
District 15A						
Alamance	124	49	5	0	27	35
District 15B						
Chatham	51	24	6	3	10	8
Orange	143	60	14	2	17	50
District Totals	194	84	20	5	27	58
District 16						
Robeson	71	27	9	7	16	12
Scotland	18	7	0	4	6	1
District Totals	89	34	9	11	22	13
District 17						
Caswell	15	7	1	0	0	7
Rockingham	121	36	13	7	44	21
Stokes	25	8	1	0	6	10
Surry	89	20	9	7	23	30
District Totals	250	71	24	14	73	68
District 18						
Guilford						
Greensboro	543	179	24	57	149	134
High Point	156	50	4	24	38	40
District Totals	699	229	28	81	187	174
District 19A						
Cabarrus	101	40	7	3	23	28
Rowan	118	34	18	10	13	43
District Totals	219	74	25	13	36	71
District 19B						
Montgomery	11	4	1	0	0	6
Randolph	117	50	9	11	25	22
District Totals	128	54	10	11	25	28
District 20						
Anson	39	18	0	1	5	15
Moore	54	19	5	7	13	10
Richmond	44	17	5	10	0	12
Stanly	48	24	1	4	11	8
Union	65	10	7	8	23	17
District Totals	250	88	18	30	52	62

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MANNER OF DISPOSITION OF CIVIL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURT

July 1, 1978-June 30, 1979

	Total Disposed	Judge	Jury	Clerk	Voluntary Dismissal*	Other
District 21						
Forsyth	626	244	18	53	182	129
District 22						
Alexander	21	9	0	4	6	2
Davidson	126	57	2	14	2	51
Davie	29	11	4	1	7	6
Iredell	136	31	5	23	34	43
District Totals	312	108	11	42	49	102
District 23						
Alleghany	35	5	7	3	14	6
Ashe	38	18	6	0	0	14
Wilkes	133	34	15	35	35	14
Yadkin	36	9	9	2	8	8
District Totals	242	66	37	40	57	42
District 24						
Avery	38	21	2	2	8	5
Madison	25	4	6	0	0	15
Mitchell	37	21	3	0	4	9
Watauga	87	34	2	24	12	15
Yancey	14	2	3	1	1	7
District Totals	201	82	16	27	25	51
District 25						
Burke	124	43	20	9	22	30
Caldwell	117	29	13	14	32	29
Catawba	222	88	4	27	49	54
District Totals	463	160	37	50	103	113
District 26						
Mecklenburg	1,286	394	83	154	74	581
District 27A						
Gaston	339	114	29	27	92	77
District 27B						
Cleveland	92	41	4	12	21	14
Lincoln	61	19	1	10	18	13
District Totals	153	60	5	22	39	27
District 28						
Buncombe	463	202	29	29	78	125
District 29						
Henderson	91	38	7	12	8	26
McDowell	31	19	2	4	0	6
Polk	14	7	0	1	3	3
Rutherford	54	26	8	3	15	2
Transylvania	33	11	5	4	7	6
District Totals	223	101	22	24	33	43
District 30						
Cherokee	37	15	6	1	0	15
Clay	8	1	0	2	1	4
Graham	12	7	0	1	2	2
Haywood	87	50	0	6	14	17
Jackson	84	55	11	1	6	11
Macon	60	29	1	4	6	20
Swain	21	10	2	3	3	3
District Totals	309	167	20	18	32	72
STATE TOTALS	11,324	4,193	657	1,078	2,184	3,212

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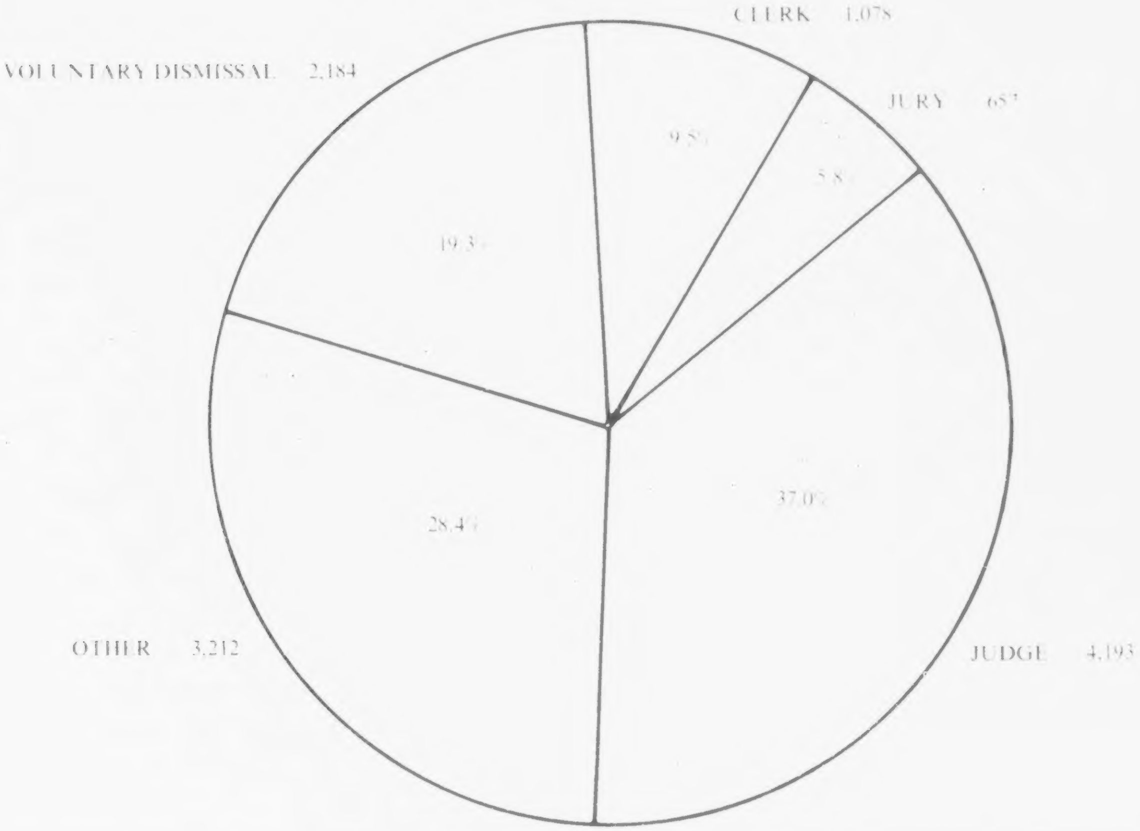
METHODS OF DISPOSITION OF SUPERIOR COURT CIVIL CASES
1978-79



The largest section of this pie chart belongs to Judge; 37% of Civil Superior cases were disposed of by a judge this year, as opposed to 5.8% by jury, 9.5% by clerk, 19.3% by voluntary dismissal, and 28.4% by some method other than those mentioned.

Ages of Civil Cases in the Superior Courts

Ages of Cases Pending 6/30/79 and Ages of Cases Disposed During Fiscal Year 1978-79

				Ages of Pending Cases (Days)								Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)				
District 1	Total Pending	Mean Age	Median Age	0-90	91-180	181-365	366-730	>730	Total Disposed	Mean Age	Median Age	% 0-90	% 91-180	% 181-365	% 366-730	% >730
Camden	11	276.8	186.2	4	0	5	0	2	6	486.3	64.0	50.0	16.6	0.0	16.7	16.7
Chowan	36	710.4	282.5	7	7	5	6	11	23	362.0	334.0	21.8	8.7	26.1	39.1	4.3
Currituck	40	334.0	183.5	9	10	5	13	3	23	374.7	140.0	39.2	17.4	30.4	4.3	8.7
Dare	98	589.0	430.5	13	10	13	29	33	56	545.7	307.5	14.2	16.1	21.4	17.9	30.4
Gates	12	318.9	118.5	3	4	0	3	2	12	416.2	155.0	41.7	8.3	8.3	16.7	25.0
Pasquotank	44	219.6	134.5	17	9	12	4	2	49	435.9	252.6	20.4	14.3	22.4	20.4	22.5
Perquimans	22	290.1	156.0	4	8	6	2	2	14	243.8	51.5	64.4	7.1	7.1	7.1	14.3
District Totals	263	454.6	260.0	57	48	46	57	55	183	438.2	251.6	26.6	13.7	20.8	18.6	20.3
District 2																
Beaufort	91	849.1	463.0	14	10	16	23	28	71	1,135.3	787.0	19.7	2.8	11.3	14.1	52.1
Hyde	16	308.4	233.0	3	4	5	2	2	8	400.1	297.5	12.5	12.5	25.0	37.5	12.5
Martin	37	424.9	226.5	7	9	5	9	7	33	292.9	227.0	27.3	21.2	24.2	21.2	6.1
Tyrrell	10	629.1	733.0	1	0	1	2	6	2	260.5	260.5	0.0	50.0	50.0	0.0	0.0
Washington	39	643.2	393.0	9	7	3	8	12	13	391.9	237.0	23.0	15.4	30.8	7.7	23.1
District Totals	193	669.9	374.7	34	30	30	44	55	127	780.2	367.0	21.4	10.2	18.1	16.5	33.8
District 3																
Carteret	179	518.5	453.0	29	31	16	61	42	73	429.1	289.0	19.2	9.6	32.9	15.1	23.2
Craven	216	437.6	333.5	45	31	37	61	42	109	396.2	306.0	27.5	12.8	20.2	14.7	24.8
Pamlico	29	373.8	151.0	8	9	4	3	5	21	688.1	385.0	14.4	19.0	9.5	28.6	28.5
Pitt	185	511.8	347.2	24	26	45	42	48	125	396.3	247.0	28.0	11.2	24.8	20.0	16.0
District Totals	609	480.9	360.2	106	97	102	167	137	328	422.3	277.5	25.0	11.9	24.1	17.7	21.3
District 4																
Duplin	77	577.0	304.0	14	15	13	16	19	32	513.5	259.5	40.5	3.1	12.5	18.8	25.1
Jones	24	552.8	552.5	4	2	3	7	8	19	295.0	211.0	42.0	5.3	21.1	15.8	15.8
Onslow	167	433.5	228.2	39	28	41	32	27	112	472.2	276.5	26.8	8.9	22.3	22.3	19.7
Sampson	72	357.6	225.0	14	16	16	20	6	114	379.0	267.5	29.8	13.2	20.2	21.9	14.9
District Totals	340	458.3	250.5	71	61	73	75	60	277	426.4	276.0	30.8	9.7	20.2	21.3	18.0
District 5																
New Hanover	239	384.6	327.0	46	25	60	79	29	166	426.5	312.5	20.5	12.7	22.9	28.3	15.6
Pender	63	649.4	611.0	7	2	5	35	14	9	365.4	347.0	33.4	0.0	33.3	22.2	11.1
District Totals	302	439.9	365.3	53	27	65	114	43	175	423.3	314.0	21.2	12.0	23.4	28.0	15.4
District 6																
Bertie	63	933.2	408.0	10	6	12	13	22	14	567.4	137.0	43.0	7.1	7.1	28.6	14.2
Halifax	107	818.0	403.0	13	8	27	22	37	40	281.0	203.5	35.0	7.5	35.0	15.0	7.5
Hertford	71	382.8	285.0	24	8	8	21	10	39	465.6	322.0	30.8	7.7	17.9	28.2	15.4
Northampton	40	493.1	256.5	3	4	16	8	9	20	555.0	382.0	10.0	0.0	35.0	30.0	25.0
District Totals	281	687.6	376.0	50	26	63	64	78	113	428.7	242.0	30.1	6.2	25.7	23.9	14.1

Ages of Civil Cases in the Superior Courts

Ages of Cases Pending 6/30/79 and Ages of Cases Disposed During Fiscal Year 1978-79

				Ages of Pending Cases (Days)								Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)				
	Total Pending	Mean Age	Median Age	0-90	91-180	181-365	366-730	>730	Total Disposed	Mean Age	Median Age	% 0-90	% 91-180	% 181-365	% 366-730	% >730
District 7																
Edgecombe	116	432.8	274.5	20	12	42	17	25	79	705.6	369.0	12.6	12.7	24.1	10.1	40.5
Nash	183	517.2	330.6	32	25	42	39	45	118	577.8	341.5	16.1	9.3	27.1	22.9	24.6
Wilson	164	579.5	318.5	32	20	37	29	46	158	943.3	790.5	14.5	5.1	9.5	18.4	52.5
District Totals	463	518.1	309.7	84	57	121	85	116	355	768.9	477.2	14.6	8.2	18.6	18.0	40.6
District 8																
Greene	19	594.8	418.0	3	1	3	8	4	10	354.4	350.0	20.0	0.0	30.0	40.0	10.0
Lenoir	147	428.1	313.2	19	21	43	43	21	180	953.5	503.5	14.4	10.6	15.0	14.4	45.6
Wayne	233	658.7	500.7	33	28	35	57	80	209	829.1	660.0	16.9	10.5	10.5	15.3	46.8
District Totals	399	570.7	435.0	55	50	81	108	105	399	873.3	533.0	15.8	10.3	13.0	15.5	45.4
District 9																
Franklin	78	715.6	571.5	11	5	13	18	31	56	441.6	232.5	25.0	17.9	19.6	12.5	25.0
Granville	41	371.2	246.0	4	12	7	11	7	39	1,048.0	333.0	15.5	17.9	17.9	7.7	41.0
Person	66	416.7	290.5	7	16	19	12	12	26	295.1	126.0	38.4	15.4	15.4	23.1	7.7
Vance	107	449.6	263.0	23	18	23	15	28	90	1,637.5	1,697.5	8.9	8.9	10.0	11.1	61.1
Warren	56	1,943.5	1,440.5	5	4	12	2	33	26	1,255.2	772.0	11.6	3.8	7.7	19.2	57.7
District Totals	348	734.1	357.7	50	55	74	58	111	237	1,068.7	582.0	17.3	12.7	13.9	13.1	43.0
District 10																
Wake	999	325.0	235.7	222	176	252	247	102	1,264	579.1	501.5	18.0	11.3	13.8	22.9	34.0
District 11																
Harnett	124	497.6	429.5	23	13	18	34	36	97	634.7	444.0	12.4	11.3	17.5	18.6	40.2
Johnston	200	616.0	465.0	33	13	29	60	65	61	360.3	287.0	18.1	13.1	27.9	31.1	9.8
Lee	84	551.6	367.0	11	16	13	25	19	82	376.2	170.5	30.5	23.2	18.3	13.4	14.6
District Totals	408	566.7	436.5	67	42	60	119	120	240	476.6	284.5	20.0	15.8	20.4	20.0	23.8
District 12																
Cumberland	405	375.5	290.2	72	67	87	125	54	310	437.4	307.5	21.0	11.0	21.9	28.1	18.0
Hoke	12	531.0	539.5	3	0	1	5	3	11	381.4	300.3	0.0	0.0	63.6	27.3	9.1
District Totals	417	380.0	301.7	75	67	88	130	57	321	435.5	307.0	20.3	10.6	23.4	28.0	17.7
District 13																
Bladen	37	506.5	549.6	3	4	7	16	7	24	459.3	358.5	0.0	16.7	33.3	29.2	20.8
Brunswick	109	742.6	641.0	13	10	18	23	45	83	993.3	814.0	12.1	3.6	8.4	20.5	55.4
Columbus	158	571.9	382.0	29	21	24	37	47	111	1,002.3	855.0	13.6	8.1	7.2	18.0	53.1
District Totals	304	625.1	444.5	45	35	49	76	99	218	939.1	738.5	11.5	7.3	10.6	20.2	50.4

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				Ages of Pending Cases (Days)								Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)				
	Total Pending	Mean Age	Median Age	0-90	91-180	181-365	366-730	>730	Total Disposed	Mean Age	Median Age	% 0-90	% 91-180	% 181-365	% 366-730	% >730
District 14																
Durham	745	669.5	557.2	89	56	132	159	309	517	794.7	785.0	11.4	7.2	9.3	19.0	53.1
District 15A																
Alamance	174	376.1	199.5	44	37	41	27	25	124	527.1	213.5	30.7	12.1	28.2	16.1	12.9
District 15B																
Chatham	66	434.4	327.0	10	8	18	17	13	51	538.9	339.0	15.7	9.8	29.4	21.6	23.5
Orange	118	271.7	166.5	33	28	29	21	7	143	521.3	385.2	18.8	8.4	20.3	27 3	25.2
District Totals	184	330.0	228.5	43	36	47	38	20	194	525.9	377.5	17.9	8.8	22.7	25.8	24.8
District 16																
Robeson	91	393.4	305.0	18	18	19	23	13	71	432.1	282.0	19.8	16.9	21.1	22.5	19.7
Scotland	30	489.1	338.5	8	3	8	4	7	18	283.1	147.5	27.7	27.8	27.8	5.6	11.1
District Totals	121	417 1	327.0	26	21	27	27	20	89	402.0	253.0	21.4	19.1	22.5	19.1	17.9
District 17																
Caswell	16	271.0	202.5	5	2	6	1	2	15	564.0	597.0	13.3	0.0	26.7	20.0	40.0
Rockingham	140	335.5	247.5	24	29	44	28	15	121	350.4	284.0	19.0	16.5	22.3	29.8	12.4
Stokes	35	289.8	206.0	10	6	9	8	2	25	468.9	388.0	8.0	4.0	24.0	44.0	20.0
Surry	142	338.2	249.5	26	26	34	50	6	89	390.1	387.8	28.2	5.6	11.2	44.9	10.1
District Totals	333	328.7	247.0	65	63	93	87	25	250	389.2	360.5	20.8	10.4	18.8	36.0	14.0
District 18																
Guilford																
Greensboro	886	567.5	345.1	171	109	176	176	254	543	431.2	286.0	24.9	12.5	20.4	25.4	16.8
High Point	290	876.9	571.5	29	33	40	69	119	156	385.1	200.5	23.2	23.1	19.2	17.9	16.6
District Totals	1,176	643.8	393.1	200	142	216	245	373	699	421.0	265.0	24.5	14.9	20.2	23.7	16.7
District 19A																
Cabarrus	198	608.4	555.0	30	18	23	67	60	101	635.7	615.0	15.8	8.9	14.9	17.8	42.6
Rowan	138	428.3	341.5	22	19	31	39	27	118	298.8	257.5	27.1	8.5	30.5	24.6	9.3
District Totals	336	534.4	437.1	52	37	54	106	87	219	454.2	338.0	21.8	8.7	23.3	21.5	24.7
District 19B																
Montgomery	38	346.3	360.5	12	2	5	17	2	11	471.3	410.0	0.0	18.1	27.3	36.4	18.2
Randolph	153	332.9	264.1	22	14	65	39	13	117	442.5	379.0	18.0	14.5	14.5	38.5	14.5
District Totals	191	335.6	264.2	34	16	70	56	15	128	445.0	379.5	16.4	14.8	15.6	38.3	14.9

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District 20																
Anson	91	671.1	638.0	7	7	15	22	40	39	506.6	445.0	15.4	7.7	7.7	43.6	25.6
Moore	132	332.6	250.0	25	22	36	36	13	54	506.7	285.5	18.4	20.4	14.8	27.8	18.6
Richmond	100	475.4	346.5	14	16	23	18	29	44	437.5	298.5	15.9	9.1	27.3	25.0	22.7
Stanly	70	573.6	428.5	6	6	15	25	18	48	393.2	272.5	18.7	16.7	22.9	27.1	14.6
Union	154	425.7	290.5	23	25	41	42	23	65	402.8	274.0	21.5	13.8	20.0	26.2	18.5
District Totals	547	472.1	348.1	75	76	130	143	123	250	445.7	339.5	18.4	14.0	18.8	29.2	19.6
District 21																
Forsyth	774	428.7	304.8	154	109	168	193	150	626	693.9	501.5	20.2	8.8	12.1	25.7	33.2
District 22																
Alexander	18	237.6	214.5	4	3	8	3	0	21	380.0	315.0	4.7	14.3	52.4	19.0	9.6
Davidson	179	451.6	294.7	42	28	28	47	34	126	310.4	252.5	29.4	13.5	23.8	25.4	7.9
Davie	20	224.6	216.0	5	4	6	5	0	29	336.9	188.0	20.7	27.6	17.2	20.7	13.8
Iredell	134	252.3	236.5	36	18	44	34	2	136	291.6	273.5	29.4	8.8	24.3	33.1	4.4
District Totals	351	351.6	249.7	87	53	86	89	36	312	309.4	270.5	27.0	12.8	25.3	27.9	7.0
District 23																
Alleghany	15	107.8	99.0	7	5	3	0	0	35	258.6	148.0	25.8	31.4	17.1	20.0	5.7
Ashe	50	373.7	393.6	6	2	14	28	0	38	474.3	479.0	5.2	5.3	26.3	47.4	15.8
Wilkes	147	260.8	224.7	31	28	49	35	4	133	329.2	337.3	24.8	9.0	19.5	42.9	3.8
Yadkin	33	266.8	246.0	5	6	12	9	1	36	400.7	374.0	19.4	2.8	25.0	38.9	13.9
District Totals	245	275.3	261.2	49	41	78	72	5	242	352.4	343.5	21.1	10.7	21.1	39.7	7.4
District 24																
Avery	44	381.5	276.5	10	6	11	13	4	38	374.8	298.0	7.9	18.4	34.2	26.3	13.2
Madison	42	289.6	208.5	11	7	14	7	3	25	262.9	284.0	12.0	24.0	40.0	24.0	0.0
Mitchell	39	401.4	276.0	11	3	12	7	6	37	321.0	270.0	16.3	18.9	21.6	35.1	8.1
Watauga	69	246.1	179.0	14	21	19	11	4	87	408.4	302.0	19.6	17.2	16.1	31.0	16.1
Yancey	24	129.3	69.3	14	4	5	1	0	14	220.3	181.0	28.5	14.3	42.9	14.3	0.0
District Totals	218	296.7	194.5	60	41	61	39	17	201	354.7	284.2	16.3	18.4	25.4	28.9	11.0
District 25																
Burke	199	524.7	437.0	32	28	35	35	69	124	252.4	223.5	22.5	20.2	35.5	19.4	2.4
Caldwell	138	298.8	222.1	33	27	36	29	13	117	345.3	267.0	27.4	6.0	33.3	23.1	10.2
Catawba	228	239.7	117.1	101	43	39	31	14	222	283.5	264.5	24.8	13.5	32.0	26.1	3.6
District Totals	565	354.5	208.0	166	98	110	95	96	463	290.8	259.0	24.8	13.4	33.3	23.5	5.0
District 26																
Mecklenburg	2,147	388.2	283.0	410	351	548	523	315	1,286	414.6	328.5	20.2	14.8	18.3	31.6	15.1

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District 27A																
Gaston	471	413.9	316.7	113	53	98	130	77	339	416.8	363.0	22.2	11.8	16.2	33.0	16.8
District 27B																
Cleveland	158	281.0	257.5	29	24	69	25	11	92	222.6	197.5	34.9	13.0	29.3	21.7	1.1
Lincoln	45	242.3	121.0	18	7	7	9	4	61	175.1	89.0	50.9	9.8	26.2	11.5	1.6
District Totals	203	272.4	243.1	47	31	76	34	15	153	203.7	143.2	41.2	11.8	28.1	17.6	1.3
District 28																
Buncombe	405	267.0	177.0	96	110	127	44	28	463	347.9	255.0	21.4	15.8	32.0	18.8	12.0
District 29																
Henderson	150	602.7	509.5	16	21	24	32	57	91	483.5	415.7	18.6	7.7	19.8	34.1	19.8
McDowell	58	503.9	312.5	6	11	13	13	15	31	318.1	232.0	25.8	9.7	32.3	16.1	16.1
Polk	25	210.7	165.0	10	4	5	6	0	14	327.7	323.0	21.4	14.3	28.6	35.7	0.0
Rutherford	78	302.6	226.0	13	15	30	14	6	54	330.7	291.0	14.8	13.0	40.7	24.1	7.4
Transylvania	54	456.4	326.5	10	6	14	10	[illegible]	33	495.4	478.0	6.1	6.1	30.3	33.3	24.2
District Totals	365	474.4	326.3	55	57	86	75	92	223	415.5	329.0	17.1	9.4	28.7	29.1	15.7
District 30																
Cherokee	34	446.1	116.5	8	9	6	2	9	37	690.5	517.0	8.2	2.7	29.7	18.9	40.5
Clay	8	271.2	211.5	2	1	3	2	0	8	162.7	68.0	50.0	0.0	50.0	0.0	0.0
Graham	18	495.9	172.0	5	5	4	0	4	12	290.1	136.5	33.3	25.0	8.3	16.7	16.7
Haywood	101	337.6	340.2	15	17	25	39	5	87	464.4	419.0	13.8	4.6	18.4	46.0	17.2
Jackson	117	563.7	459.0	11	5	18	52	31	84	703.9	689.5	6.0	3.6	10.7	32.1	47.6
Macon	92	772.7	676.7	11	5	12	28	36	60	571.1	596.5	13.3	11.7	10.0	36.7	28.3
Swain	27	719.0	316.0	8	3	4	5	7	21	483.7	526.0	19.0	4.8	14.3	47.6	14.3
District Totals	397	546.1	401.4	60	45	72	128	92	309	564.0	561.0	12.9	6.1	16.2	35.0	29.8
STATE TOTALS	15,274	462.4	306.1	2,894	2,244	3,424	3,654	3,058	11,324	516.8	336.5	20.3	11.8	19.4	[illegible].8	23.7

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District 1												
Camden	63	43	106	64	60.3	42	11	13	24	16	66.6	8
Chowan	132	99	231	80	34.6	151	74	41	115	31	26.9	84
Currituck	124	71	195	81	41.5	114	53	100	153	72	47.0	81
Dare	372	120	492	94	19.1	398	95	78	173	57	32.9	116
Gates	123	61	184	56	30.4	128	29	11	40	9	22.5	31
Pasquotank	176	181	357	164	45.9	193	65	95	160	102	63.7	58
Perquimans	140	74	214	84	39.2	130	24	32	56	28	50.0	28
District Totals	1,130	649	1,779	623	35.0	1,156	351	370	721	315	43.6	406
District 2												
Beaufort	482	361	843	341	40.4	502	366	145	511	125	24.4	386
Hyde	47	44	91	36	39.5	55	26	29	55	24	43.6	31
Martin	198	165	363	159	43.8	204	124	124	248	143	57.6	105
Tyrrell	26	25	51	19	37.2	32	18	12	30	18	60.0	12
Washington	94	75	169	77	45.5	92	74	56	130	48	36.9	82
District Totals	847	670	1,517	632	41.6	885	608	366	974	358	36.7	616
District 3												
Carteret	350	278	628	280	44.5	348	207	161	368	141	38.3	227
Craven	341	324	665	304	45.7	361	208	239	447	241	53.9	206
Pamlico	76	62	138	50	36.2	88	38	47	85	38	44.7	47
Pitt	613	471	1,084	444	40.9	640	171	443	614	391	63.6	223
District Totals	1,380	1,135	2,515	1,078	42.8	1,437	624	890	1,514	811	53.5	703
District 4												
Duplin	362	261	623	262	42.0	361	257	388	645	303	46.9	342
Jones	80	72	152	67	44.0	85	64	40	104	45	43.2	59
Onslow	521	264	785	244	31.0	541	374	445	819	425	51.8	394
Sampson	369	325	694	323	46.5	371	177	260	437	287	65.6	150
District Totals	1,332	922	2,254	896	39.7	1,358	872	1,133	2,005	1,060	52.8	945
District 5												
New Hanover	903	564	1,467	473	32.2	994	487	706	1,193	720	60.3	473
Pender	154	124	278	132	47.4	146	244	109	353	104	29.4	249
District Totals	1,057	688	1,745	605	34.6	1,140	731	815	1,546	824	53.3	722
District 6												
Bertie	248	159	407	154	37.8	253	147	96	243	95	39.0	148
Halifax	555	354	909	300	33.0	609	558	332	890	282	31.6	608
Hertford	188	118	306	124	40.5	182	95	89	184	72	39.1	112
Northampton	189	134	323	128	39.6	195	90	106	196	93	47.4	103
District Totals	1,180	765	1,945	706	36.2	1,239	890	623	1,513	542	35.8	971
District 7												
Edgecombe	399	317	716	334	46.6	382	135	204	339	167	49.2	172
Nash	482	339	821	354	43.1	467	279	213	492	208	42.2	284
Wilson	686	393	1,079	565	52.3	514	174	310	484	274	56.6	210
District Totals	1,567	1,049	2,616	1,253	47.8	1,363	588	727	1,315	649	49.3	666
District 8												
Greene	116	114	230	117	50.8	113	67	72	139	59	42.4	80
Lenoir	327	409	736	340	46.1	396	243	346	589	329	55.8	260
Wayne	699	485	1,184	460	38.8	724	302	692	994	703	70.7	291
District Totals	1,142	1,008	2,150	917	42.6	1,233	612	1,110	1,722	1,091	63.3	631
District 9												
Franklin	325	167	492	123	25.0	369	158	159	317	161	50.7	156
Granville	260	231	491	253	51.5	238	86	290	376	274	72.8	102
Person	226	130	356	122	34.2	234	120	140	260	105	40.3	155
Vance	285	267	552	249	45.1	303	87	136	223	112	50.2	111
Warren	283	172	455	212	46.5	243	264	102	366	240	65.5	126
District Totals	1,379	967	2,346	959	40.8	1,387	715	827	1,542	892	57.8	650
District 10												
Wake	2,317	1,358	3,675	1,102	29.9	2,573	796	1,086	1,882	1,028	54.6	854

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District 11												
Harnett	425	370	795	320	40.2	475	353	186	539	151	28.0	388
Johnston	673	479	1,152	432	37.5	720	161	441	602	424	70.4	178
Lee	345	194	539	159	29.4	380	181	178	359	157	43.7	202
District Totals	1,443	1,043	2,486	911	36.6	1,575	695	805	1,500	732	48.8	768
District 12												
Cumberland	732	679	1,411	674	47.7	737	499	1,345	1,844	1,352	73.3	492
Hoke	138	91	229	73	31.8	156	57	74	131	57	43.5	74
District Totals	870	770	1,640	747	45.5	893	556	1,419	1,975	1,409	71.3	566
District 13												
Bladen	169	109	278	114	41.0	164	129	140	269	141	52.4	128
Brunswick	169	176	345	70	20.2	275	277	207	484	90	18.5	394
Columbus	361	286	647	265	40.9	382	240	211	451	161	35.6	290
District Totals	699	571	1,270	449	35.3	821	646	558	1,204	392	32.5	812
District 14												
Durham	1,555	912	2,467	890	36.0	1,577	514	809	1,323	678	51.2	645
District 15A												
Alamance	496	645	1,141	564	49.4	577	162	353	515	327	63.4	188
District 15B												
Chatham	285	223	508	209	41.1	299	109	99	208	108	51.9	100
Orange	611	370	981	332	33.8	649	212	541	753	487	64.6	266
District Totals	896	593	1,489	541	36.3	948	321	640	961	595	61.9	366
District 16												
Robeson	619	483	1,102	506	45.9	596	345	348	693	486	70.1	207
Scotland	234	133	367	144	39.2	223	99	127	226	94	41.5	132
District Totals	853	616	1,469	650	44.2	819	444	475	919	580	63.1	339
District 17												
Caswell	128	131	259	122	47.1	137	61	63	124	54	43.5	70
Rockingham	820	572	1,392	685	49.2	707	380	314	694	330	47.5	364
Stokes	148	149	297	118	39.7	179	46	132	178	108	60.6	70
Surry	440	328	768	309	40.2	459	161	235	396	249	62.8	147
District Totals	1,536	1,180	2,716	1,234	45.4	1,482	648	744	1,392	741	53.2	651
District 18												
Guilford	2,465	1,745	4,210	1,605	38.1	2,605	705	1,860	2,565	1,875	73.0	690
District 19A												
Cabarrus	672	482	1,154	505	43.7	649	171	256	427	240	56.2	187
Rowan	887	743	1,630	756	46.3	874	165	856	1,021	802	78.5	219
District Totals	1,559	1,225	2,784	1,261	45.2	1,523	336	1,112	1,448	1,042	71.9	406
District 19B												
Montgomery	199	150	349	144	41.2	205	108	74	182	86	47.2	96
Randolph	526	464	990	442	44.6	548	181	299	480	291	60.6	189
District Totals	725	614	1,339	586	43.7	753	289	373	662	377	56.9	285
District 20												
Anson	414	155	569	126	22.1	443	118	62	180	77	42.7	103
Moore	564	384	948	328	34.5	620	184	260	444	308	69.3	136
Richmond	483	299	782	223	28.5	559	294	158	452	124	27.4	328
Stanly	904	292	1,196	248	20.7	948	208	208	416	210	50.4	206
Union	471	340	811	334	41.1	477	139	230	369	234	63.4	135
District Totals	2,836	1,470	4,306	1,259	29.2	3,047	943	918	1,861	953	51.2	908

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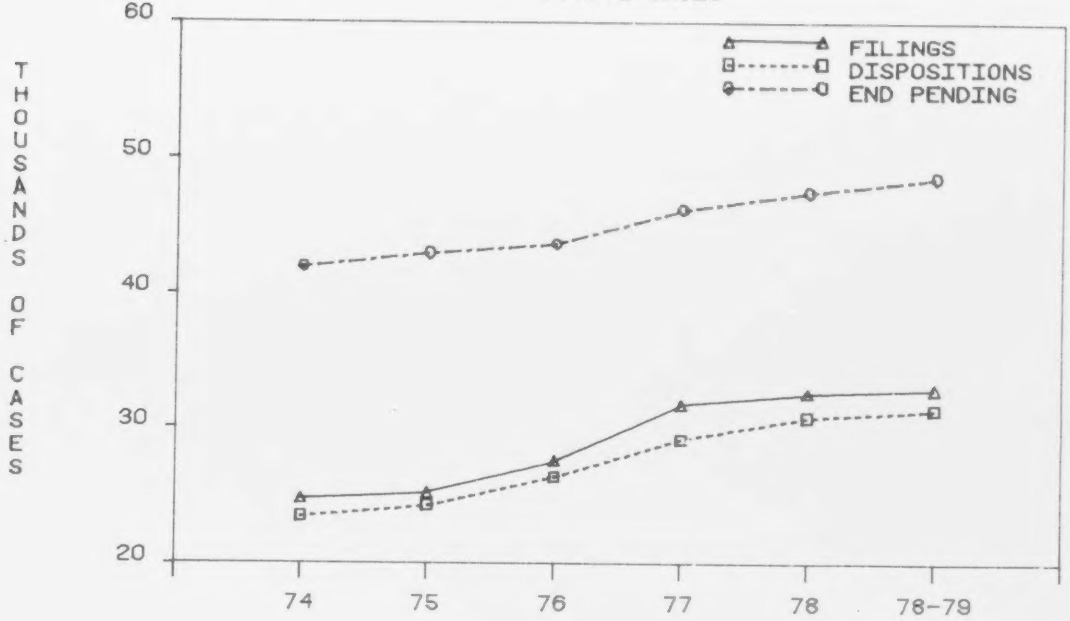
District 21												
Forsyth	1,932	1,345	3,277	1,376	41.9	1,901	283	1,054	1,337	1,079	80.7	258
District 22												
Alexander	103	108	211	90	42.6	121	62	90	152	78	51.3	74
Davidson	678	584	1,262	519	41.1	743	199	321	520	246	47.3	274
Davie	120	112	232	116	50.0	116	45	90	135	82	60.7	53
Iredell	635	578	1,213	516	42.5	697	159	358	517	338	65.3	179
District Totals	1,536	1,382	2,918	1,241	42.5	1,677	465	859	1,324	744	56.1	580
District 23												
Alleghany	81	84	165	79	47.8	86	22	64	86	69	80.2	17
Ashe	178	150	328	156	47.5	172	38	88	126	92	73.0	34
Wilkes	268	247	515	239	46.4	276	174	344	518	359	69.3	159
Yadkin	252	212	464	240	51.7	224	75	107	182	120	65.9	62
District Totals	779	693	1,472	714	48.5	758	309	603	912	640	70.1	272
District 24												
Avery	127	67	194	71	36.5	123	66	79	145	78	53.7	67
Madison	262	108	370	101	27.2	269	69	67	136	48	35.2	88
Mitchell	293	97	390	58	14.8	332	70	83	153	28	18.3	125
Watauga	138	121	259	82	31.6	177	106	133	239	134	56.0	105
Yancey	103	156	259	152	58.6	107	55	61	116	58	50.0	58
District Totals	923	549	1,472	464	31.5	1,008	366	423	789	346	43.8	443
District 25												
Burke	650	337	987	394	39.9	593	156	425	581	472	81.2	109
Caldwell	547	350	897	349	38.9	548	425	258	683	271	39.6	412
Catawba	861	574	1,435	428	29.8	1,007	265	452	717	374	52.1	343
District Totals	2,058	1,261	3,319	1,171	35.2	2,148	846	1,135	1,981	1,117	56.3	864
District 26												
Mecklenburg	3,420	2,331	5,751	2,204	38.3	3,547	1,193	1,858	3,051	1,821	59.6	1,230
District 27A												
Gaston	990	778	1,768	710	40.1	1,058	603	1,103	1,706	1,064	62.3	642
District 27B												
Cleveland	465	460	925	464	50.1	461	146	382	528	408	77.2	120
Lincoln	264	241	505	249	49.3	256	66	222	288	234	81.2	54
District Totals	729	701	1,430	713	49.8	717	212	604	816	642	78.6	174
District 28												
Buncombe	2,361	1,200	3.561	1,372	38.5	2,189	530	788	1,318	732	55.5	586
District 29												
Henderson	547	420	967	453	46.8	514	262	214	476	173	36.3	303
McDowell	235	179	414	141	34.0	273	147	191	338	174	51.4	164
Polk	192	162	354	139	39.2	215	26	72	98	75	76.5	23
Rutherford	476	340	816	422	51.7	394	173	206	379	233	61.4	146
Transylvania	269	170	439	128	29.1	311	95	111	206	85	41.2	121
District Totals	1,719	1,271	2,990	1,283	42.9	1,707	703	794	1,497	740	49.4	757
District 30												
Cherokee	154	121	275	71	25.8	204	37	46	83	43	51.8	40
Clay	34	37	71	27	38.0	44	21	16	37	21	56.7	16
Graham	92	33	125	53	42.4	72	15	27	42	21	50.0	21
Haywood	405	295	700	294	42.0	406	144	177	321	186	57.9	135
Jackson	236	134	370	63	17.0	307	144	116	260	109	41.9	151
Macon	302	135	437	117	26.7	320	160	121	281	91	32.3	190
Swain	78	65	143	37	25.8	106	37	62	99	50	50.5	49
District Totals	1,301	820	2,121	662	31.2	1,459	558	565	1,123	521	46.3	602
STATE TOTALS	47,012	32,926	79,938	31,378	39.2	48,560	19,114	27,799	46,913	26,717	56.9	20,196

CASELOAD TRENDS IN ESTATES AND SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS
1974-79



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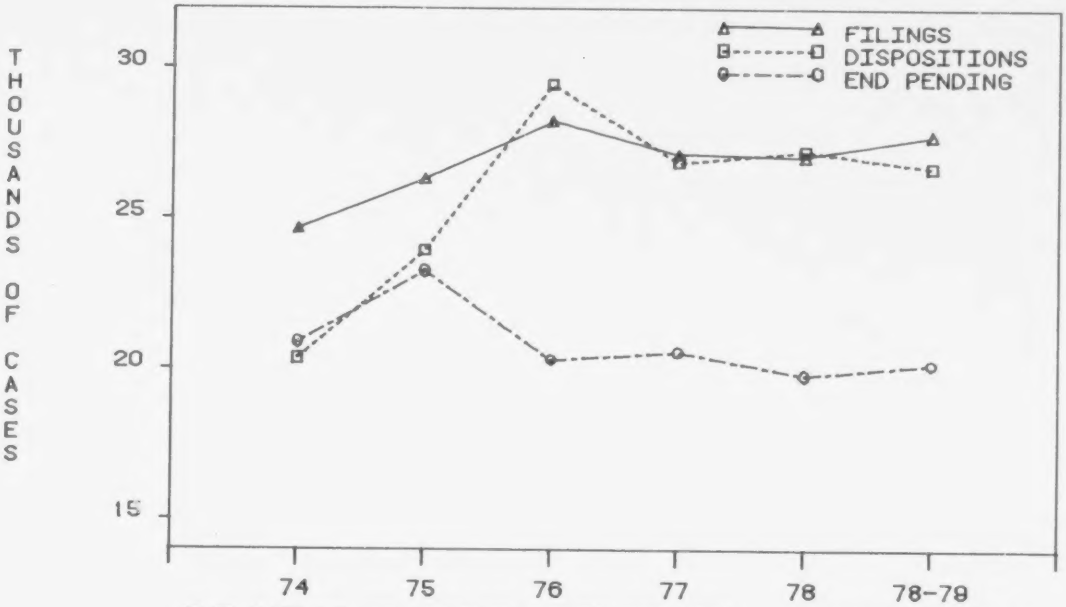

SPECIAL PROCEEDING CASES

THE NATURE OF ESTATE CASES PERMITS A LARGE NUMBER OF PENDING CASES AT ANY GIVEN TIME. AFTER A SPORADIC START, THE SPECIAL PROCEEDING CASELOAD APPEARS MORE STABLE.

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	Felonies						Misdemeanors					
	Pending 7/1/78	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Disposed to Caseload	Pending 6/30/79	Pending 7/1/78	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Disposed to Caseload	Pending 6/30/79
District 1												
Camden	2	68	70	58	82.8	12	9	14	23	18	78.2	5
Chowan	56	101	157	132	84.0	25	14	147	161	146	90.6	15
Currituck	20	30	50	46	92.0	4	74	231	305	235	77.0	70
Dare	11	97	108	82	75.9	26	101	230	331	197	59.5	134
Gates	9	69	78	45	57.6	33	20	66	86	64	74.4	22
Pasquotank	31	178	209	185	88.5	24	64	373	437	359	82.1	78
Perquimans	21	53	74	65	87.8	9	23	79	102	79	77.4	23
District Totals	150	596	746	613	82.1	133	305	1,140	1,445	1,098	75.9	347
District 2												
Beaufort	71	457	528	437	82.7	91	57	215	272	195	71.6	77
Hyde	0	60	60	13	21.6	47	16	46	62	43	69.3	19
Martin	42	86	128	63	49.2	65	31	76	107	68	63.5	39
Tyrrell	10	1	11	2	18.1	9	22	37	59	32	54.2	27
Washington	17	62	79	58	73.4	21	25	66	91	60	65.9	31
District Totals	140	666	806	573	71.0	233	151	440	591	398	67.3	193
District 3												
Carteret	151	123	274	155	56.5	119	70	110	180	102	56.6	78
Craven	124	592	716	615	85.8	101	82	393	475	400	84.2	75
Pamlico	19	56	75	67	89.3	8	26	50	76	55	72.3	21
Pitt	254	671	925	694	75.0	231	124	621	745	563	75.5	182
District Totals	548	1,442	1,990	1,531	76.9	459	302	1,174	1,476	1,120	75.8	356
District 4												
Duplin	11	251	262	189	72.1	73	15	90	105	68	64.7	37
Jones	1	84	85	76	89.4	9	7	25	32	27	84.3	5
Onslow	156	1,037	1,193	1,014	84.9	179	67	200	267	228	85.3	39
Sampson	13	245	258	189	73.2	69	20	158	178	142	79.7	36
District Totals	181	1,617	1,798	1,468	81.6	330	109	473	582	465	79.8	117
District 5												
New Hanover	150	1,478	1,628	1,227	75.3	401	119	552	671	540	80.4	131
Pender	73	101	174	79	45.4	95	48	77	125	79	63.2	46
District Totals	223	1,579	1,802	1,306	72.4	496	167	629	796	619	77.7	177
District 6												
Bertie	14	0	14	3	21.4	11	42	111	153	90	58.8	63
Halifax	66	340	406	166	40.8	240	74	147	221	118	53.3	103
Hertford	37	54	91	65	71.4	26	40	164	204	118	57.8	86
Northampton	31	60	91	49	53.8	42	37	54	91	44	48.3	47
District Totals	148	454	602	283	47.0	319	193	476	669	370	55.3	299
District 7												
Edgecombe	50	367	417	351	84.1	66	98	302	400	334	83.5	66
Nash	118	618	736	589	80.0	147	169	410	579	447	77.2	132
Wilson	91	376	467	234	50.1	233	125	331	456	269	58.9	187
District Totals	259	1,361	1,620	1,174	72.4	446	392	1,043	1,435	1,050	73.1	385
District 8												
Greene	15	84	99	72	72.7	27	9	45	54	38	70.3	16
Lenoir	58	340	398	358	89.9	40	52	244	296	257	86.8	39
Wayne	41	503	544	398	73.1	146	23	275	298	254	85.2	44
District Totals	114	927	1,041	828	79.5	213	84	564	648	549	84.7	99
District 9												
Franklin	46	149	195	86	44.1	109	140	210	350	223	63.7	127
Granville	72	102	174	124	71.2	50	87	131	218	146	66.9	72
Person	36	69	105	55	52.3	50	69	218	287	157	54.7	130
Vance	54	280	334	223	66.7	111	81	243	324	245	75.6	79
Warren	70	65	135	83	61.4	52	48	92	140	83	59.2	57
District Totals	278	665	943	571	60.5	372	425	894	1,319	854	64.7	465
District 10												
Wake	963	2,091	3,054	1,957	64.0	1,097	361	1,727	2,088	1,511	72.3	577

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District 11												
Harnett	44	149	193	137	70.9	56	18	81	99	80	80.8	19
Johnston	45	241	286	208	72.7	78	28	206	234	166	70.9	68
Lee	31	13	44	31	70.4	13	52	294	346	208	60.1	138
District Totals	120	403	523	376	71.8	147	98	581	679	454	66.8	225
District 12												
Cumberland	337	643	980	765	78.0	215	132	593	725	550	75.8	175
Hoke	48	90	138	101	73.1	37	56	137	193	132	68.3	61
District Totals	385	733	1,118	866	77.4	252	188	730	918	682	74.2	236
District 13												
Bladen	33	109	142	92	64.7	50	48	84	132	79	59.8	53
Brunswick	25	204	229	112	48.9	117	19	76	95	73	76.8	22
Columbus	66	324	390	333	85.3	57	64	217	281	225	80.0	56
District Totals	124	637	761	537	70.5	224	131	377	508	377	74.2	131
District 14												
Durham	234	1,134	1,368	1,091	79.7	277	82	399	481	398	82.7	83
District 15A												
Alamance	349	551	900	625	69.4	275	88	321	409	282	68.9	127
District 15B												
Chatham	38	52	90	51	56.6	39	29	68	97	90	92.7	7
Orange	170	324	494	388	78.5	106	23	110	133	106	79.6	27
District Totals	208	376	584	439	75.1	145	52	178	230	196	85.2	34
District 16												
Robeson	279	544	823	604	73.3	219	184	481	665	463	69.6	202
Scotland	72	258	330	139	42.1	191	116	150	266	180	67.6	86
District Totals	351	802	1,153	743	64.4	410	300	631	931	643	69.0	288
District 17												
Caswell	11	49	60	24	40.0	36	4	93	97	57	58.7	40
Rockingham	161	534	695	540	77.6	155	147	577	724	511	70.5	213
Stokes	26	69	95	77	81.0	18	23	110	133	108	81.2	25
Surry	84	305	389	281	72.2	108	144	674	818	543	66.3	275
District Totals	282	957	1,239	922	74.4	317	318	1,454	1,772	1,219	68.7	553
District 18												
Guilford												
Greensboro	784	1,752	2,536	1,843	72.6	693	413	1,003	1,416	1,216	85.8	200
High Point	249	566	815	541	66.3	274	146	176	322	270	83.8	52
District Totals	1,033	2,318	3,351	2,384	71.1	967	559	1,179	1,738	1,486	85.5	252
District 19A												
Cabarrus	111	552	663	533	80.3	130	186	611	797	582	73.0	215
Rowan	140	427	567	449	79.1	118	100	382	482	389	80.7	93
District Totals	251	979	1,230	982	79.8	248	286	993	1,279	971	75.9	308
District 19B												
Montgomery	56	135	191	128	67.0	63	68	112	180	112	62.2	68
Randolph	290	274	564	475	84.2	89	250	410	660	472	71.5	188
District Totals	346	409	755	603	79.8	152	318	522	840	584	69.5	256
District 20												
Anson	36	217	253	221	87.3	32	26	154	180	137	76.1	43
Moore	141	373	514	335	65.1	179	99	246	345	269	77.9	76
Richmond	165	656	821	626	76.2	195	115	303	418	313	74.8	105
Stanly	140	70	210	184	87.6	26	120	270	390	310	79.4	80
Union	40	474	514	331	64.3	183	35	295	330	263	79.6	67
District Totals	522	1,790	2,312	1,697	73.3	615	395	1,268	1,663	1,292	77.3	371

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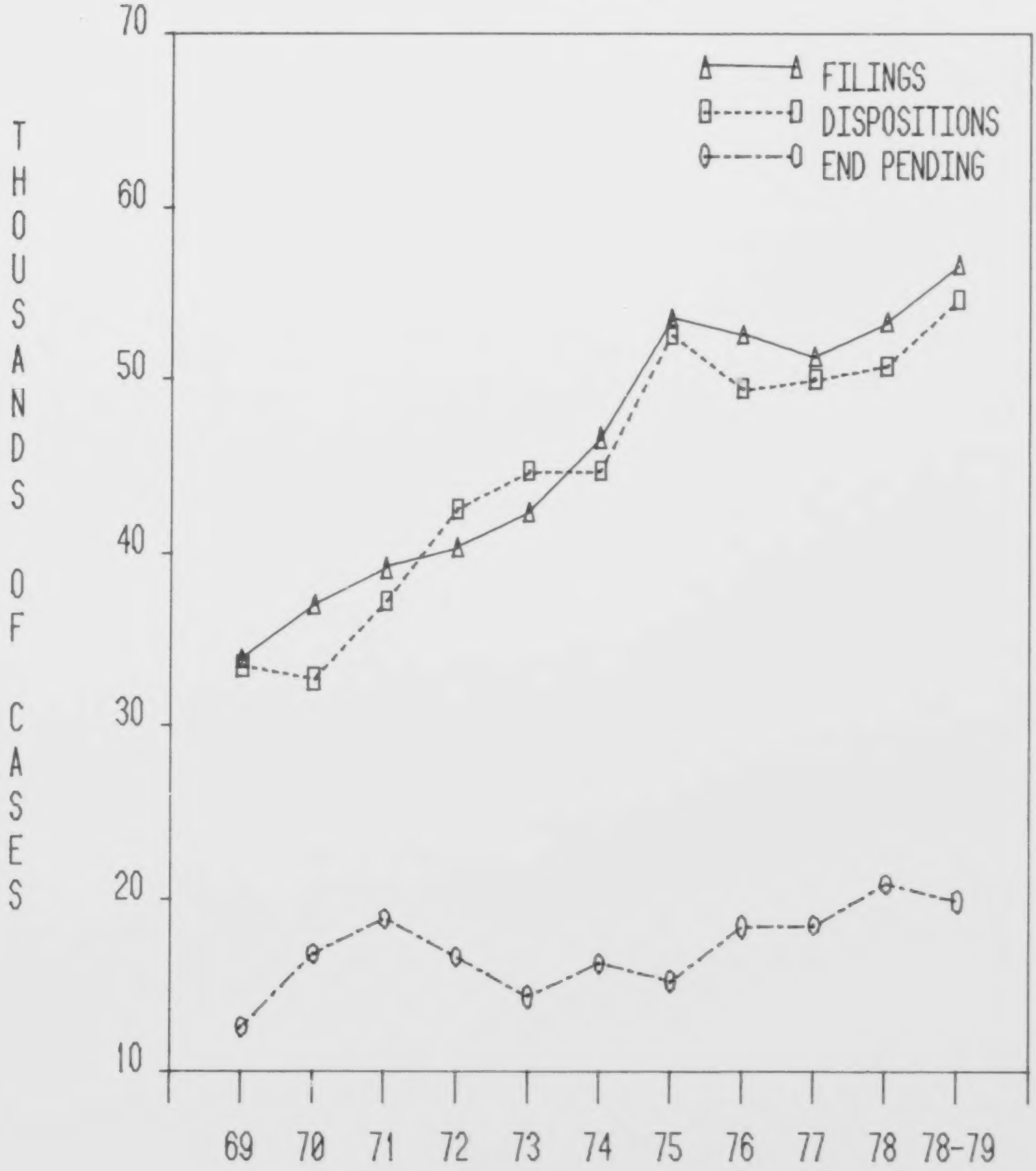
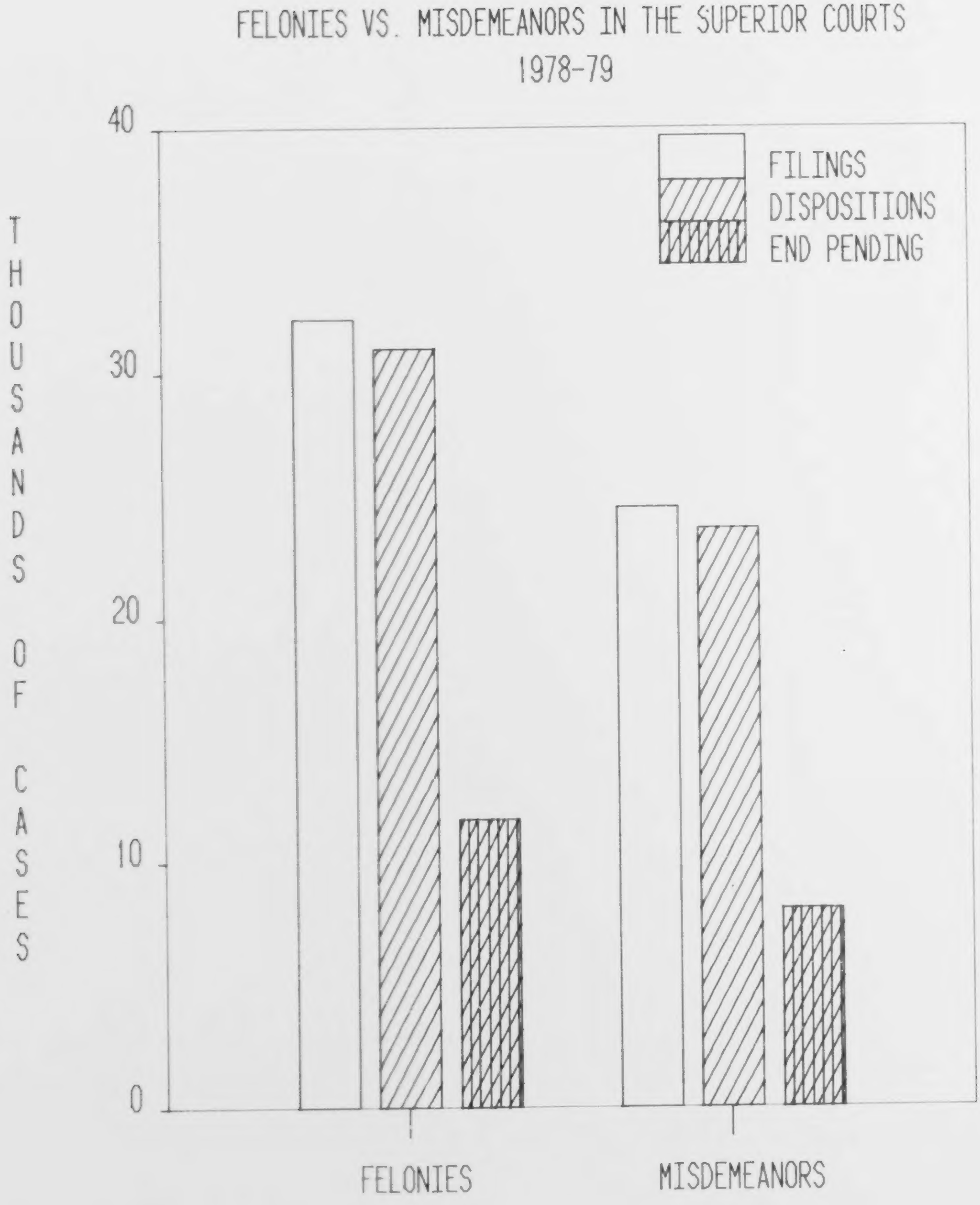
District 21												
Forsyth	170	1,161	1,331	1,100	82.6	231	141	1,309	1,450	1,161	80.0	289
District 22												
Alexander	3	90	93	64	68.8	29	143	123	266	243	91.3	23
Davidson	31	395	426	262	61.5	164	39	388	427	368	86.1	59
Davie	32	89	121	91	75.2	30	7	75	82	50	60.9	32
Iredell	180	462	642	422	65.7	220	50	363	413	330	79.9	83
District Totals	246	1,036	1,282	839	65.4	443	239	949	1,188	991	83.4	197
District 23												
Alleghany	7	22	29	17	58.6	12	20	11	31	25	80.6	6
Ashe	4	83	87	74	85.0	13	15	80	95	78	82.1	17
Wilkes	95	118	213	165	77.4	48	79	158	237	188	79.3	49
Yadkin	28	105	133	72	54.1	61	42	140	182	133	73.0	49
District Totals	134	328	462	328	70.9	134	156	389	545	424	77.7	121
District 24												
Avery	70	66	136	75	55.1	61	20	41	61	35	57.3	26
Madison	27	30	57	12	21.0	45	12	27	39	20	51.2	19
Mitchell	9	30	39	24	61.5	15	9	23	32	17	53.1	15
Watauga	55	113	168	131	77.9	37	20	24	44	35	79.5	9
Yancey	4	55	59	45	76.2	14	14	40	54	37	68.5	17
District Totals	165	294	459	287	62.5	172	75	155	230	144	62.6	86
District 25												
Burke	129	293	422	297	70.3	125	64	209	273	208	76.1	65
Caldwell	109	246	355	295	83.0	60	67	220	287	252	87.8	35
Catawba	291	898	1,189	790	66.4	399	215	450	665	429	64.5	236
District Totals	529	1,437	1,966	1,382	70.2	584	346	879	1,225	889	72.5	336
District 26												
Mecklenburg	936	1,585	2,521	1,854	73.5	667	354	1,711	2,065	1,586	76.8	479
District 27A												
Gaston	257	1,333	1,590	1,162	73.0	428	101	350	451	353	78.2	98
District 27B												
Cleveland	18	435	453	390	86.0	63	13	152	165	137	83.0	28
Lincoln	22	214	236	156	66.1	80	28	78	106	90	84.9	16
District Totals	40	649	689	546	79.2	143	41	230	271	227	83.7	44
District 28												
Buncombe	166	876	1,042	800	76.7	242	50	348	398	264	66.3	134
District 29												
Henderson	96	226	322	259	80.4	63	31	88	119	96	80.6	23
McDowell	42	132	174	116	66.6	58	20	47	67	46	68.6	21
Polk	29	72	101	56	55.4	45	22	28	50	34	68.0	16
Rutherford	149	204	353	229	64.8	124	87	136	223	148	66.3	75
Transylvania	106	57	163	126	77.3	37	23	30	53	41	77.3	12
District Totals	422	691	1,113	786	70.6	327	183	329	512	365	71.2	147
District 30												
Cherokee	26	74	100	50	50.0	50	24	53	77	31	40.2	46
Clay	18	35	53	43	81.1	10	2	3	5	4	80.0	1
Graham	9	10	19	13	68.4	6	10	29	39	28	71.7	11
Haywood	79	1	80	58	72.5	22	207	411	618	402	65.0	216
Jackson	118	40	158	90	56.9	68	38	75	113	72	63.7	41
Macon	38	74	112	43	38.3	69	17	39	56	22	39.2	34
Swain	22	18	40	29	72.5	11	22	10	32	27	84.3	5
District Totals	310	252	562	326	58.0	236	320	620	940	586	62.3	354
STATE TOTALS	10,584	32,129	42,713	30,979	72.5	11,734	7,310	24,462	31,772	23,608	74.3	8,164

CASELOAD TRENDS OF CRIMINAL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS
1969-1979



CASES FILED AND DISPOSED SHOW AN INCREASING TREND OVER THE 1969-78 TIME PERIOD, PENDING CASES FLUCTUATE SOMEWHAT BUT DISPLAY A GENERAL RISING TENDENCY SINCE 1973. INCREASES OF 1978-79 FIGURES OVER THE 1969 CASELOAD: FILINGS--67.3%, DISPOSITIONS--63.2%, END PENDING--57.4%.



FELONIES DOMINATE THE SUPERIOR CRIMINAL COURTS; OF THE CRIMINAL CASES HANDLED BY NORTH CAROLINA SUPERIOR COURTS THIS YEAR, FELONIES COMPOSED 56.8% OF FILINGS, 56.8% OF DISPOSITIONS, AND 59.0% OF PENDING CASELOAD AT THE END OF THE YEAR.

MANNER OF DISPOSITION OF CRIMINAL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURT

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	Felonies						Misdemeanors					
	Total Disposed	Plea of Guilty (Judge)	Plea of Not Guilty (Jury)	Dismissal by D.A.	Speedy* Trial Dismissal	Other	Total Disposed	Plea of Guilty (Judge)	Plea of Not Guilty (Jury)	Dismissal by D.A.	Speedy* Trial Dismissal	Other
District 1												
Camden	58	40	3	5	0	10	18	15	0	1	0	2
Chowan	132	60	6	46	0	20	146	64	4	15	0	63
Currituck	46	21	3	20	0	2	235	108	10	38	0	79
Dare	82	51	3	17	0	11	197	103	10	35	0	49
Gates	45	34	1	9	0	1	64	50	2	6	0	6
Pasquotank	185	111	15	53	0	6	359	142	20	54	0	143
Perquimans	65	34	4	26	0	1	79	43	11	4	0	21
District Totals	613	351	35	176	0	51	1,098	525	57	153	0	363
District 2												
Beaufort	437	314	31	76	0	16	195	99	31	44	0	21
Hyde	13	8	2	0	0	3	43	26	4	9	0	4
Martin	63	38	10	12	0	3	68	39	6	15	0	8
Tyrrell	2	0	1	1	0	0	32	19	5	6	0	2
Washington	58	31	19	7	0	1	60	30	5	13	0	12
District Totals	573	391	63	96	0	23	398	213	51	87	0	47
District 3												
Carteret	155	51	5	87	0	12	102	50	8	27	0	17
Craven	615	226	31	330	0	28	400	197	35	143	0	25
Pamlico	67	34	2	29	0	2	55	26	7	18	0	4
Pitt	694	448	52	187	0	7	563	298	44	123	0	98
District Totals	1,531	759	90	633	0	49	1,120	571	94	311	0	144
District 4												
Duplin	189	129	10	49	0	1	68	34	14	15	0	5
Jones	76	56	5	12	0	3	27	15	7	3	0	2
Onslow	1,014	537	36	411	0	30	228	62	28	89	0	49
Sampson	189	156	10	21	0	2	142	98	7	23	0	14
District Totals	1,468	878	61	493	0	36	465	209	56	130	0	70
District 5												
New Hanover	1,227	716	90	393	1	27	540	258	30	197	0	55
Pender	79	52	9	7	0	11	79	37	10	21	0	11
District Totals	1,306	768	99	400	1	38	619	295	40	218	0	66
District 6												
Bertie	3	2	0	1	0	0	90	44	4	25	0	17
Halifax	166	68	5	92	0	1	118	58	3	54	0	3
Hertford	65	37	7	16	0	5	118	73	7	31	0	7
Northampton	49	10	2	30	0	7	44	20	2	17	0	5
District Totals	283	117	14	139	0	13	370	195	16	127	0	32
District 7												
Edgecombe	351	191	52	95	0	13	334	158	30	77	0	69
Nash	589	360	29	199	0	1	447	234	21	142	0	50
Wilson	234	136	28	63	0	7	269	156	23	52	0	38
District Totals	1,174	687	109	357	0	21	1,050	548	74	271	0	157
District 8												
Greene	72	20	12	37	0	3	38	17	2	17	0	2
Lenoir	358	100	37	195	0	26	257	72	21	114	0	50
Wayne	398	138	78	174	0	8	254	135	27	73	0	19
District Totals	828	258	127	406	0	37	549	224	50	204	0	71
District 9												
Franklin	86	42	2	37	0	5	223	124	8	72	0	19
Granville	124	71	8	35	0	10	146	77	9	45	0	15
Person	55	20	13	22	0	0	157	80	10	60	0	7
Vance	223	109	24	75	0	15	245	110	12	98	0	25
Warren	83	38	1	44	0	0	83	42	7	33	0	1
District Totals	571	280	48	213	0	30	854	433	46	308	0	67
District 10												
Wake	1,957	935	151	839	0	32	1,511	548	48	568	0	347

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	Felonies						Misdemeanors					
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District 11												
Harnett	137	68	10	45	0	14	80	19	16	21	0	24
Johnston	208	121	14	60	0	13	166	92	10	37	0	27
Lee	31	16	0	14	0	1	208	125	5	63	0	15
District Totals	376	205	24	119	0	28	454	236	31	121	0	66
District 12												
Cumberland	765	356	105	204	0	100	550	204	89	158	0	99
Hoke	101	64	3	23	0	11	132	56	24	44	0	8
District Totals	866	420	108	227	0	111	682	260	113	202	0	107
District 13												
Bladen	92	53	12	20	0	7	79	44	6	25	0	4
Brunswick	112	53	10	39	0	10	73	30	7	30	0	6
Columbus	333	244	30	44	0	15	225	124	24	48	0	29
District Totals	537	350	52	103	0	32	377	198	37	103	0	39
District 14												
Durham	1,091	519	57	489	0	26	398	158	34	96	0	110
District 15A												
Alamance	625	267	65	259	0	34	282	157	41	61	1	22
District 15B												
Chatham	51	24	6	17	0	4	90	25	11	39	0	15
Orange	388	150	17	208	0	13	106	38	12	37	0	19
District Totals	439	174	23	225	0	17	196	63	23	76	0	34
District 16												
Robeson	604	402	76	98	0	28	463	223	32	68	0	140
Scotland	139	105	5	14	0	15	180	119	2	13	0	46
District Totals	743	507	81	112	0	43	643	342	34	81	0	186
District 17												
Caswell	24	11	4	6	0	3	57	31	3	9	0	14
Rockingham	540	379	47	108	0	6	511	274	13	113	0	111
Stokes	77	61	6	6	0	4	108	51	7	12	0	38
Surry	281	203	18	51	0	9	543	201	12	86	0	244
District Totals	922	654	75	171	0	22	1,219	557	35	220	0	407
District 18												
Guilford												
Greensboro	1,843	1,109	89	608	0	37	1,216	515	64	443	0	194
High Point	541	296	15	215	0	15	270	86	9	149	0	26
District Totals	2,384	1,405	104	823	0	52	1,486	601	73	592	0	220
District 19A												
Cabarrus	533	338	24	156	0	15	582	267	23	114	1	177
Rowan	449	266	22	146	0	15	389	190	24	99	0	76
District Totals	982	604	46	302	0	30	971	457	47	213	1	253
District 19B												
Montgomery	128	79	5	40	0	4	112	59	7	31	0	15
Randolph	475	235	16	179	0	45	472	214	28	174	0	56
District Totals	603	314	21	219	0	49	584	273	35	205	0	71
District 20												
Anson	221	123	12	78	0	8	137	61	6	47	0	23
Moore	335	199	13	113	0	10	269	123	9	89	0	48
Richmond	626	270	12	329	0	15	313	136	15	125	0	37
Stanly	184	90	4	89	0	1	310	180	5	118	0	7
Union	331	154	27	143	0	7	263	101	10	81	0	71
District Totals	1,697	836	68	752	0	41	1,292	601	45	460	0	186

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District 21												
Forsyth	1,100	874	44	170	0	12	1,161	744	36	289	0	92
District 22												
Alexander	64	52	0	10	0	2	243	75	3	123	0	42
Davidson	262	188	9	37	0	28	368	169	9	71	0	119
Davie	91	43	9	19	0	20	50	17	6	5	0	22
Iredell	422	267	25	120	0	10	330	174	15	49	2	90
District Totals	839	550	43	186	0	60	991	435	33	248	2	273
District 23												
Alleghany	17	10	1	6	0	0	25	5	3	11	0	6
Ashe	74	62	1	6	0	5	78	30	5	4	0	39
Wilkes	165	64	24	52	0	25	188	33	24	63	0	68
Yadkin	72	35	4	22	0	11	133	30	7	39	0	57
District Totals	328	171	30	86	0	41	424	98	39	117	0	170
District 24												
Avery	75	23	4	38	0	10	35	9	1	11	0	14
Madison	12	7	4	1	0	0	20	7	4	5	0	4
Mitchell	24	3	13	5	0	3	17	2	5	3	0	7
Watauga	131	47	5	74	0	5	35	8	1	18	0	8
Yancey	45	18	0	25	0	2	37	16	5	8	0	8
District Totals	287	98	26	143	0	20	144	42	16	45	0	41
District 25												
Burke	297	184	13	68	0	32	208	65	18	77	0	48
Caldwell	295	156	17	119	0	3	252	110	21	67	0	54
Catawba	790	351	46	367	6	20	429	167	29	123	0	110
District Totals	1,382	691	76	554	6	55	889	342	68	267	0	212
District 26												
Mecklenburg	1,854	939	146	741	16	12	1,586	889	97	471	0	129
District 27A												
Gaston	1,162	699	104	299	0	60	353	144	61	77	0	71
District 27B												
Cleveland	390	245	45	83	0	17	137	52	23	30	0	32
Lincoln	156	105	13	32	0	6	90	43	16	18	0	13
District Totals	546	350	58	115	0	23	227	95	39	48	0	45
District 28												
Buncombe	800	429	48	181	0	142	264	108	22	38	0	96
District 29												
Henderson	259	126	18	104	0	11	96	16	8	37	0	35
McDowell	116	50	16	41	0	9	46	18	9	12	0	7
Polk	56	19	11	19	0	7	34	5	11	13	0	5
Rutherford	229	117	40	64	0	8	148	47	19	52	0	30
Transylvania	126	50	12	63	0	1	41	7	8	11	0	15
District Totals	786	362	97	291	0	36	365	93	55	125	0	92
District 30												
Cherokee	50	34	0	16	0	0	31	21	1	8	0	1
Clay	43	15	0	26	0	2	4	1	0	3	0	0
Graham	13	9	1	2	0	1	28	17	1	8	0	2
Haywood	58	15	0	37	0	6	402	219	10	153	0	20
Jackson	90	47	3	36	0	4	72	41	1	22	0	8
Macon	43	23	1	14	0	5	22	11	1	6	0	4
Swain	29	8	2	18	0	1	27	5	3	15	0	4
District Totals	326	151	7	149	0	19	586	315	17	215	0	39
STATE TOTALS	30,979	16,993	2,200	10,468	23	1,295	23,608	10,969	1,563	6,747	4	4,325

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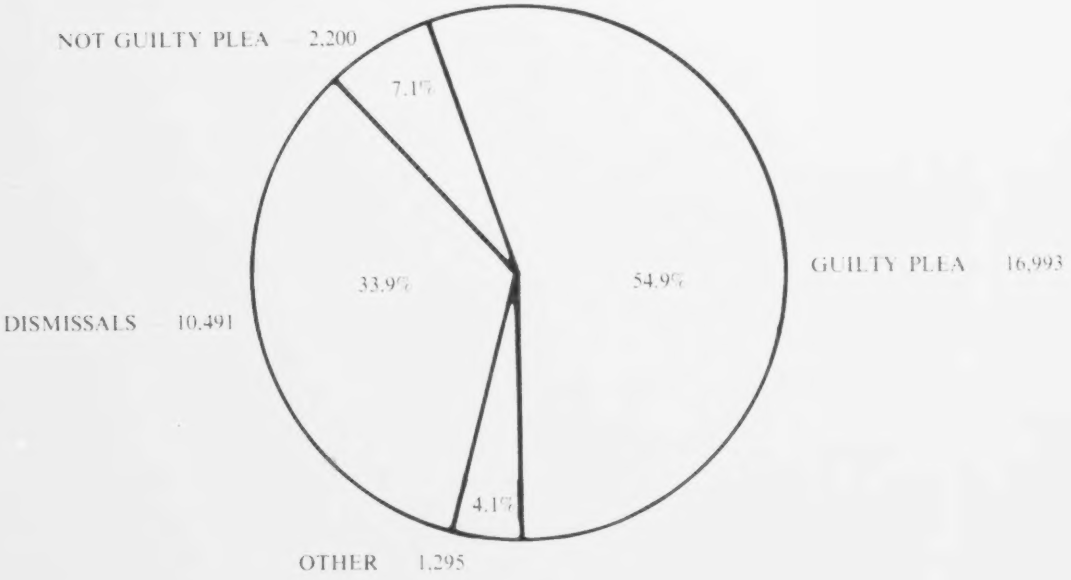
FELONIES



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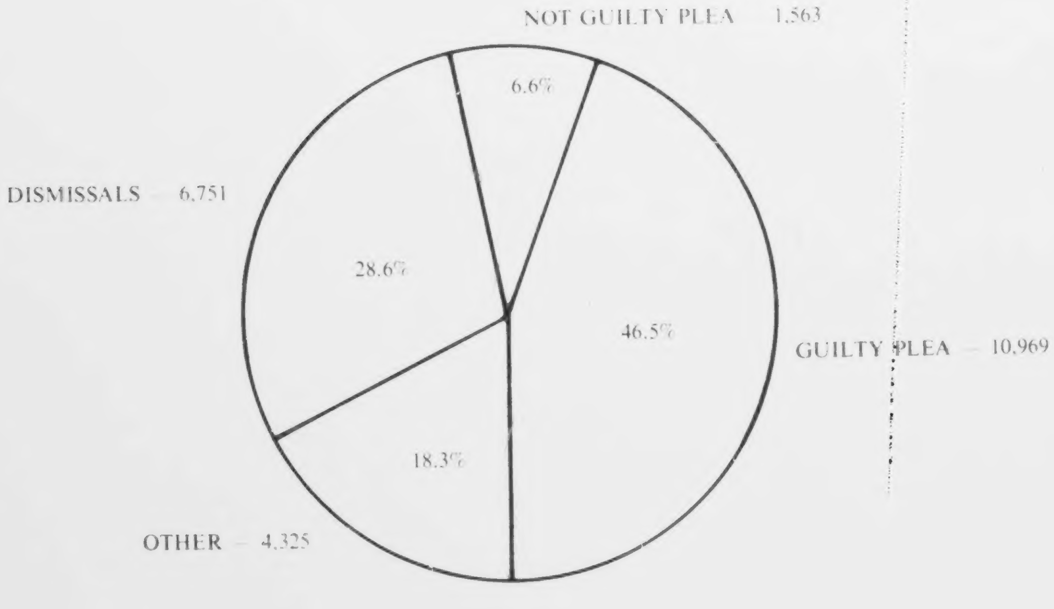

A plea of guilty was the most common method of disposition for superior court criminal cases this year, in 54.9% of all felony and 46.5% of all misdemeanor cases, the defendants pled guilty.

Ages of Felony (Fel) and Misdemeanor (Mis) Cases in the Superior Courts

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		Ages of Pending Cases (Days)								Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)							
		Total Pending	Mean Age	Median Age	0-60	61-120	121-180	181-365	>365	Total Disposed	Mean Age	Median Age	% 0-60	% 61-120	% 121-180	% 181-365	% >365
District 1																	
Camden	Fel	12	51.3	13.0	6	6	0	0	0	58	55.9	39.2	60.4	34.5	3.4	1.7	0.0
	Mis	5	62.8	50.8	4	0	0	1	0	18	103.0	59.0	50.0	11.1	22.2	16.7	0.0
Chowan	Fel	25	48.0	18.0	17	4	4	0	0	132	106.9	55.0	53.2	12.8	25.0	4.5	4.5
	Mis	15	180.3	38.0	9	1	0	3	2	146	60.7	41.7	64.3	22.6	6.2	5.5	1.4
Currituck	Fel	4	355.0	141.0	0	1	2	0	1	46	86.5	87.5	41.3	39.2	6.5	13.0	0.0
	Mis	70	68.2	37.8	47	14	2	6	1	235	89.2	55.0	52.3	20.9	6.4	17.4	3.0
Dare	Fel	26	171.1	190.5	3	8	0	14	1	82	53.5	19.8	69.5	17.1	6.1	6.1	1.2
	Mis	134	161.6	47.6	78	12	4	16	24	197	111.7	81.6	41.1	24.9	13.7	15.7	4.6
Gates	Fel	33	105.8	90.3	0	27	5	1	0	45	86.7	66.0	35.6	28.9	26.6	8.9	0.0
	Mis	22	60.1	40.5	14	6	0	2	0	64	143.2	90.0	35.8	21.9	14.1	20.3	7.9
Pasquotank	Fel	24	72.7	50.0	14	2	8	0	0	185	74.4	40.0	62.2	21.6	8.6	6.5	1.1
	Mis	78	55.3	34.8	56	9	11	1	1	359	69.7	61.0	49.1	32.8	13.4	3.9	.8
Perquimans	Fel	9	29.5	16.8	8	0	1	0	0	65	99.8	92.0	43.1	20.0	24.6	12.3	0.0
	Mis	23	117.7	44.3	12	5	2	3	1	79	84.5	56.3	53.1	26.6	11.4	7.6	1.3
District Totals	Fel	133	99.1	88.8	48	48	20	15	2	613	81.4	53.7	55.4	22.0	14.2	6.9	1.5
	Mis	347	108.9	38.9	220	47	19	32	29	1,098	86.1	60.5	49.8	26.1	11.0	10.6	2.5
District 2																	
Beaufort	Fel	91	135.9	115.1	22	33	22	9	5	437	108.4	83.8	38.6	40.8	4.1	13.0	3.5
	Mis	77	146.4	80.8	30	18	1	21	7	195	144.8	105.2	17.9	41.6	10.3	25.6	4.6
Hyde	Fel	47	143.6	144.8	12	3	23	9	0	13	55.3	25.0	69.2	7.7	15.4	7.7	0.0
	Mis	19	103.0	65.3	7	7	1	4	0	43	167.1	99.1	18.6	41.8	4.7	23.3	11.6
Martin	Fel	65	131.6	88.9	16	34	0	10	5	63	109.2	86.0	38.1	28.6	17.4	12.7	3.2
	Mis	39	136.5	110.5	11	10	10	6	2	68	130.3	94.5	26.3	32.4	23.6	14.7	3.0
Tyrrell	Fel	9	516.0	505.5	0	0	0	0	9	2	249.5	249.5	0.0	0.0	50.0	50.0	0.0
	Mis	27	190.0	128.0	5	7	6	4	5	32	147.8	113.0	21.7	28.2	18.8	25.0	6.3
Washington	Fel	21	152.3	122.0	3	7	8	0	3	58	118.1	81.5	36.3	31.0	12.1	17.2	3.4
	Mis	31	157.3	90.7	12	8	3	6	2	60	121.6	109.0	25.0	35.0	20.0	18.3	1.7
District Totals	Fel	233	152.4	114.9	53	77	53	28	22	573	108.8	83.8	39.0	37.5	6.8	13.4	3.3
	Mis	193	148.0	92.3	65	50	21	41	16	398	141.5	106.0	20.8	37.9	14.1	22.4	4.8
District 3																	
Carteret	Fel	119	392.3	348.0	24	5	14	20	56	155	125.5	97.6	33.5	32.3	16.8	11.6	5.8
	Mis	78	484.1	481.0	17	11	3	2	45	102	80.8	58.0	51.0	32.4	5.9	7.8	2.9
Craven	Fel	101	88.6	61.2	49	29	9	12	2	615	89.7	82.7	37.0	49.8	5.0	5.4	2.8
	Mis	75	112.9	68.2	29	26	7	9	4	400	78.7	59.1	50.3	33.1	8.1	8.0	.5
Pamlico	Fel	8	121.7	120.0	3	1	3	1	0	67	106.5	67.1	28.3	35.8	6.0	28.4	1.5
	Mis	21	544.8	246.0	8	1	0	8	4	55	111.3	80.2	31.0	38.2	14.5	14.5	1.8
Pitt	Fel	231	170.6	89.3	90	42	11	55	33	694	127.3	70.7	42.1	29.0	10.0	10.7	8.2
	Mis	182	161.0	102.1	72	33	22	28	27	563	75.1	50.1	56.8	24.4	12.0	5.5	1.3
District Totals	Fel	459	209.2	108.7	166	77	37	88	91	1,531	111.1	78.1	38.7	37.9	8.5	9.4	5.5
	Mis	356	244.3	103.5	126	71	32	47	80	1,120	78.7	55.8	52.7	28.8	10.2	7.1	1.2

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District 4																	
Duplin	Fel	73	92.4	57.7	38	25	3	4	3	189	54.3	31.5	81.4	12.7	2.6	1.1	2.2
	Mis	37	136.7	58.2	20	5	5	3	4	68	61.9	43.5	72.0	19.2	7.3	0.0	1.5
Jones	Fel	9	61.6	64.0	4	4	1	0	0	76	26.3	17.5	97.4	1.3	0.0	0.0	1.3
	Mis	5	71.0	55.2	4	0	1	0	0	27	87.1	74.3	33.4	59.2	0.0	7.4	0.0
Onslow	Fel	179	52.5	38.7	129	37	7	6	0	1,014	55.6	47.3	66.7	26.7	3.4	3.2	0.0
	Mis	39	59.6	29.1	32	2	4	0	1	228	51.1	38.0	72.0	19.7	6.5	1.8	0.0
Sampson	Fel	69	127.4	67.6	31	13	17	4	4	189	38.3	27.8	83.6	14.8	1.6	0.0	0.0
	Mis	36	356.9	79.9	9	11	0	1	15	142	51.5	32.6	70.4	22.6	3.5	2.8	.7
District Totals	Fel	330	77.2	47.0	202	79	28	14	7	1,468	51.7	42.9	72.4	22.1	2.9	2.3	.3
	Mis	117	175.9	53.7	65	18	10	4	20	465	54.9	38.1	69.2	22.8	[illegible]	2.2	.4
District 5																	
New Hanover	Fel	401	90.4	37.3	239	81	61	7	13	1,227	73.9	48.1	58.1	24.9	7.4	7.9	1.7
	Mis	131	351.3	59.2	66	9	21	5	30	540	66.2	41.7	71.9	16.0	3.9	5.4	2.8
Pender	Fel	95	468.6	393.7	10	19	10	4	52	79	93.1	74.0	40.5	32.9	7.6	17.7	1.3
	Mis	46	263.0	107.5	19	4	3	6	14	79	131.1	91.0	27.9	34.2	17.7	13.9	6.3
District Totals	Fel	496	162.8	59.0	249	100	71	11	65	1,306	75.1	49.2	57.1	25.3	7.4	8.5	1.7
	Mis	177	328.4	70.7	85	13	24	11	44	619	74.5	45.0	66.5	18.2	5.6	6.5	3.2
District 6																	
Bertie	Fel	11	449.1	427.6	0	0	0	0	11	3	138.0	135.5	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0
	Mis	63	153.9	110.7	18	15	16	8	6	90	114.8	90.9	33.4	30.0	20.0	12.2	4.4
Halifax	Fel	240	188.9	122.8	30	51	104	35	20	166	98.1	48.8	62.2	16.2	10.8	6.0	4.8
	Mis	103	305.1	215.3	7	21	12	39	24	118	107.7	61.2	46.7	24.6	8.5	18.6	1.6
Hertford	Fel	26	684.5	659.6	0	1	1	7	17	65	157.8	75.2	33.9	35.3	7.7	7.7	15.4
	Mis	86	216.8	113.5	30	13	11	17	15	118	118.9	74.5	33.9	41.5	10.2	8.5	5.9
Northampton	Fel	42	163.6	103.3	1	23	3	14	1	49	159.4	38.4	61.3	16.3	14.3	2.0	6.1
	Mis	47	182.7	142.5	15	3	15	7	7	44	321.5	196.0	4.6	27.3	4.5	47.7	15.9
District Totals	Fel	319	234.9	122.9	31	75	108	56	49	283	122.9	50.0	54.7	20.5	11.7	5.7	7.4
	Mis	299	228.6	151.7	70	52	54	71	52	370	138.4	81.8	34.4	31.6	11.3	17.3	5.4
District 7																	
Edgecombe	Fel	66	81.8	72.6	32	11	18	3	2	351	103.6	66.6	45.9	25.1	19.1	7.1	2.8
	Mis	66	70.7	37.3	36	20	4	6	0	334	119.2	66.0	48.1	16.5	14.7	14.4	6.3
Nash	Fel	147	124.9	65.7	73	37	10	12	15	589	109.9	55.7	55.6	28.1	7.3	5.8	3.2
	Mis	132	197.1	60.5	62	24	3	12	31	447	126.4	62.8	46.3	26.4	8.5	11.2	7.6
Wilson	Fel	233	329.1	133.6	64	44	38	30	57	234	99.6	69.9	46.1	30.3	9.9	9.0	4.7
	Mis	187	244.1	157.2	56	29	18	26	58	269	82.7	58.0	51.0	28.3	8.5	10.0	2.2
District Totals	Fel	446	225.2	92.7	169	92	66	45	74	1,174	106.0	58.3	50.9	27.6	11.3	6.8	3.4
	Mis	385	198.2	79.4	154	73	25	44	89	1,050	112.9	62.2	48.1	23.7	10.5	11.9	5.8

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		Ages of Pending Cases (Days)								Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)							
		Total Pending	Mean Age	Median Age	0-60	61-120	121-180	181-365	> 365	Total Disposed	Mean Age	Median Age	% 0-60	% 61-120	% 121-180	% 181-365	% > 365
District 8																	
Greene	Fel	27	141.2	133.0	5	6	9	6	1	72	119.5	96.6	23.6	40.3	23.6	8.3	4.2
	Mis	16	150.1	65.1	4	10	1	0	1	38	129.1	83.0	31.4	34.3	15.8	13.2	5.3
Lenoir	Fel	40	85.0	71.4	17	16	5	2	0	358	67.0	55.7	52.5	38.6	3.3	5.0	.6
	Mis	39	39.2	17.7	30	4	5	0	0	257	55.8	42.0	64.9	26.5	5.1	3.1	.4
Wayne	Fel	146	126.8	67.7	71	21	13	34	7	398	73.7	43.9	59.4	27.7	5.6	6.5	.8
	Mis	44	130.5	90.5	14	12	6	10	2	254	59.1	40.0	71.1	21.3	4.0	2.4	1.2
District Totals	Fel	213	120.8	71.7	93	43	27	42	8	828	74.8	54.3	53.4	33.5	6.1	6.0	1.0
	Mis	99	97.7	73.6	48	26	12	10	3	549	62.4	42.2	65.5	24.6	5.3	3.5	1.1
District 9																	
Franklin	Fel	109	179.6	138.0	32	22	17	30	8	86	135.8	94.3	26.6	38.4	7.0	23.3	4.7
	Mis	127	212.8	201.5	20	22	18	53	14	223	227.2	159.7	9.9	28.7	17.5	27.8	16.1
Granville	Fel	50	325.2	205.4	9	6	6	15	14	124	320.4	154.5	24.8	17.8	16.2	21.8	19.4
	Mis	72	225.5	94.0	26	13	8	8	17	146	270.0	167.5	6.8	21.2	24.7	24.7	22.6
Person	Fel	50	237.7	115.5	15	10	5	6	14	55	164.2	90.0	21.9	30.9	10.9	34.5	1.8
	Mis	130	214.9	198.0	33	24	6	38	29	157	133.7	85.3	38.8	28.7	14.0	9.6	8.9
Vance	Fel	111	127.5	123.7	33	21	29	26	2	223	120.2	83.0	28.5	41.2	13.4	15.2	1.7
	Mis	79	200.5	107.3	19	22	7	21	10	245	178.9	140.6	16.8	26.5	24.1	20.4	12.2
Warren	Fel	52	299.8	173.0	18	4	4	11	15	83	345.7	258.4	5.0	9.6	19.2	30.1	36.1
	Mis	57	221.3	159.2	8	8	23	11	7	83	241.5	170.3	7.2	21.7	21.7	21.7	27.7
District Totals	Fel	372	208.2	130.2	107	63	61	88	53	571	203.1	107.8	23.2	30.1	13.7	21.9	11.1
	Mis	465	214.3	159.2	106	89	62	131	77	854	204.9	145.5	16.3	26.1	20.4	21.2	16.0
District 10																	
Wake	Fel	1,097	261.6	136.3	218	288	111	137	343	1,957	126.2	82.7	33.0	31.9	11.0	18.8	5.3
	Mis	577	154.0	61.0	280	95	44	83	75	1,511	65.6	39.2	66.0	17.8	8.0	6.5	1.7
District 11																	
Harnett	Fel	56	121.2	108.9	12	36	2	4	2	137	255.5	51.0	54.1	18.2	5.1	6.6	16.0
	Mis	19	157.3	120.6	4	5	7	2	1	80	104.7	36.0	61.0	26.3	2.6	5.0	5.1
Johnston	Fel	78	205.6	149.0	17	13	24	5	19	208	68.3	33.8	67.3	17.3	4.3	10.1	1.0
	Mis	68	111.7	64.5	28	19	14	1	6	166	54.8	35.0	67.5	20.5	9.0	2.4	.6
Lee	Fel	13	404.6	485.0	2	0	0	0	11	31	277.0	142.0	35.5	6.5	9.7	16.1	32.2
	Mis	138	104.2	88.5	50	45	26	15	2	208	64.8	54.6	56.6	32.3	9.6	.5	1.0
District Totals	Fel	147	191.1	109.3	31	49	26	9	32	376	153.7	41.3	59.8	16.7	5.1	9.3	9.1
	Mis	225	110.9	88.0	82	69	47	18	9	454	68.2	47.8	61.4	26.9	8.1	2.0	1.6
District 12																	
Cumberland	Fel	215	162.9	96.1	66	64	35	29	21	765	156.2	105.3	26.6	31.0	14.3	19.0	9.1
	Mis	175	77.3	54.2	114	23	23	15	0	550	98.5	63.0	47.3	27.5	7.9	15.1	2.2
Hoke	Fel	37	319.1	114.0	5	14	2	2	14	101	107.5	65.2	47.5	31.7	9.9	7.9	3.0
	Mis	61	168.2	189.7	10	6	9	33	3	132	179.5	130.5	23.4	21.2	23.5	16.7	15.2
District Totals	Fel	252	185.9	96.2	71	78	37	31	35	866	150.5	98.9	28.8	31.1	13.9	17.7	8.5
	Mis	236	100.8	57.1	124	29	32	48	3	682	114.2	74.0	42.9	26.2	10.9	15.4	4.6

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					Ages of Pending Cases (Days)					Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)									
		Total Pending	Mean Age	Median Age	0-60	61-120	121-180	181-365	>365	Total Disposed	Mean Age	Median Age	% 0-60	% 61-120	% 121-180	% 181-365	% >365
District 13																	
Bladen	Fel	50	99.7	94.0	12	25	5	8	0	92	113.8	98.0	22.8	42.4	17.4	14.1	3.3
	Mis	53	53.5	19.2	33	17	0	3	0	79	148.3	104.0	13.9	39.2	20.3	17.7	8.9
Brunswick	Fel	117	98.5	108.7	12	99	5	1	0	112	81.8	59.5	49.9	33.9	8.1	4.5	3.6
	Mis	22	111.1	86.5	6	11	2	3	0	73	65.5	48.0	64.4	23.3	8.2	2.7	1.4
Columbus	Fel	57	118.4	102.6	17	22	10	6	2	333	134.5	106.0	17.8	57.3	12.6	6.9	5.4
	Mis	56	332.2	165.5	17	7	5	4	23	225	111.7	64.0	44.3	32.9	10.7	6.7	5.4
District Totals	Fel	224	103.8	103.2	41	146	20	15	2	537	119.9	94.5	25.4	49.9	12.5	7.6	4.6
	Mis	131	182.3	86.2	56	35	7	10	23	377	110.4	68.7	41.9	32.4	12.2	8.2	5.3
District 14																	
Durham	Fel	277	118.6	82.0	118	81	37	28	13	1,091	89.9	75.0	41.3	37.9	12.3	6.4	2.1
	Mis	83	100.0	67.4	37	26	7	10	3	398	95.1	63.5	48.4	26.7	12.6	6.8	5.5
District 15A																	
Alamance	Fel	275	159.2	61.1	77	118	12	38	30	625	196.7	147.8	17.4	20.8	22.1	32.5	7.2
	Mis	127	88.7	67.5	52	51	12	9	3	282	114.6	76.8	33.2	40.8	12.8	9.6	3.6
District 15B																	
Chatham	Fel	39	329.4	561.1	16	0	0	0	23	51	95.5	66.6	43.1	29.4	23.5	2.0	2.0
	Mis	7	170.8	52.0	4	0	0	2	1	90	193.0	154.5	28.9	20.0	10.0	25.6	15.5
Orange	Fel	106	98.3	43.0	69	10	11	10	6	388	98.4	61.0	46.0	35.3	10.8	2.8	5.1
	Mis	27	99.0	72.0	12	9	0	6	0	106	88.9	54.5	54.6	29.3	6.6	5.7	3.8
District Totals	Fel	145	160.4	43.4	85	10	11	10	29	439	98.0	61.2	45.5	34.7	12.3	2.7	4.8
	Mis	34	113.7	65.5	16	9	0	8	1	196	136.7	69.5	42.8	25.0	8.2	14.8	9.2
District 16																	
Robeson	Fel	219	98.0	95.3	69	108	28	9	5	604	213.5	114.5	38.0	12.6	7.0	22.5	19.9
	Mis	202	76.5	57.7	110	59	19	12	2	463	129.5	83.1	41.8	25.9	11.7	12.1	8.5
Scotland	Fel	191	204.8	158.6	35	32	82	23	19	139	187.1	91.3	33.2	31.6	12.9	7.9	14.4
	Mis	86	215.1	123.5	21	20	8	19	18	180	135.5	176.5	26.1	12.2	37.8	23.3	.6
District Totals	Fel	410	147.8	107.6	104	140	110	32	24	743	208.6	104.0	37.1	16.2	8.0	19.8	18.9
	Mis	288	117.9	85.8	131	79	27	31	20	643	131.2	98.6	37.6	22.1	18.9	15.2	6.2
District 17																	
Caswell	Fel	36	137.8	140.5	9	8	12	6	1	24	353.6	227.1	16.6	25.0	0.0	16.7	41.7
	Mis	40	62.2	27.8	27	8	3	1	1	57	95.5	40.7	54.4	19.3	10.5	12.3	3.5
Rockingham	Fel	155	129.5	67.3	57	34	17	38	9	540	139.5	73.1	46.0	23.7	5.4	15.0	9.9
	Mis	213	54.1	3.4	136	45	19	5	8	511	85.7	64.6	49.1	26.4	12.0	11.5	1.0
Stokes	Fel	18	216.3	46.1	10	2	2	0	4	77	178.3	99.2	22.0	32.5	15.6	16.9	13.0
	Mis	25	97.1	46.0	16	3	4	1	1	108	137.8	106.5	26.8	24.1	22.2	24.1	2.8
Surry	Fel	108	104.1	72.3	33	42	21	11	1	281	149.8	100.2	28.4	29.2	24.2	9.3	8.9
	Mis	275	90.6	67.1	118	85	46	21	5	543	117.9	77.0	42.0	29.5	10.2	10.5	7.8
District Totals	Fel	317	126.7	71.[illegible]	109	86	52	55	15	922	151.5	85.5	38.1	26.1	11.8	13.4	10.6
	Mis	553	74.8	45.0	297	141	72	28	15	1,219	105.1	74.2	44.4	27.2	12.0	12.2	4.2

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District 18		Total Pending	Mean Age	Median Age	0-60	61-120	121-180	181-365	> 365	Total Disposed	Mean Age	Median Age	% 0-60	% 61-120	% 121-180	% 181-365	% > 365
Guilford																	
Greensboro	Fel	693	156.4	78.7	292	123	79	134	65	1,843	225.0	106.2	23.0	31.7	13.2	10.8	21.3
	Mis	200	198.2	193.5	63	27	7	77	26	1,216	190.3	77.3	40.5	27.0	5.1	8.6	18.8
High Point	Fel	274	244.5	296.5	79	33	17	107	38	541	226.3	104.0	23.8	30.8	14.5	14.2	16.7
	Mis	52	234.3	51.0	26	3	3	4	16	270	340.9	112.5	28.5	22.6	9.2	10.0	29.7
District Totals	Fel	967	181.3	95.5	371	156	96	241	103	2,384	225.3	106.1	23.3	31.5	13.4	11.6	20.2
	Mis	252	205.6	155.5	89	30	10	81	42	1,486	217.6	82.1	38.3	26.2	5.8	8.9	20.8
District 19A																	
Cabarrus	Fel	130	172.8	65.0	63	13	15	26	13	533	82.9	67.2	45.7	34.7	9.4	9.6	.6
	Mis	215	207.3	68.0	98	20	25	32	40	582	103.5	85.3	30.9	43.1	13.8	10.8	1.4
Rowan	Fel	118	253.1	58.5	59	12	13	10	24	449	89.9	56.3	50.9	32.3	6.2	8.0	2.6
	Mis	93	208.4	57.0	49	9	7	18	10	389	103.9	61.0	49.6	24.7	11.3	12.1	2.3
District Totals	Fel	248	211.0	65.0	122	25	28	36	37	982	86.1	63.0	48.1	33.6	7.9	8.9	1.5
	Mis	308	207.6	65.2	147	29	32	50	50	971	103.7	78.1	38.6	35.7	12.7	11.3	1.7
District 19B																	
Montgomery	Fel	63	157.6	49.6	41	4	3	0	15	128	78.6	40.6	69.6	8.6	10.9	8.6	2.3
	Mis	68	737.1	290.5	29	1	1	4	33	112	77.6	42.5	62.4	17.0	15.2	4.5	.9
Randolph	Fel	89	121.7	51.6	47	9	14	8	11	475	190.9	150.7	19.8	13.1	29.7	18.9	12.5
	Mis	188	77.8	51.8	106	51	19	7	5	472	213.2	162.5	24.2	16.1	13.0	28.0	18.7
District Totals	Fel	152	136.6	49.6	88	13	17	8	26	603	167.1	132.7	30.4	16.9	25.7	16.7	10.3
	Mis	256	253.0	52.1	135	52	20	11	38	584	187.2	133.5	31.6	16.3	13.4	23.5	15.2
District 20																	
Anson	Fel	32	312.2	94.5	12	4	6	5	5	221	107.7	42.8	57.1	16.7	16.7	.9	8.6
	Mis	43	63.5	17.0	37	1	2	1	2	137	99.3	60.0	48.9	34.3	9.5	4.4	2.9
Moore	Fel	179	165.2	30.0	132	7	6	5	29	335	135.2	63.3	45.6	27.2	7.2	13.7	6.3
	Mis	76	259.2	156.1	28	7	8	9	24	269	91.6	67.6	44.6	29.0	16.0	8.9	1.5
Richmond	Fel	195	100.3	45.8	134	27	10	6	18	626	66.3	34.3	64.4	20.9	7.8	5.8	1.1
	Mis	105	149.6	59.2	53	30	1	12	9	313	104.5	71.2	36.8	38.0	8.6	13.7	2.9
Stanly	Fel	26	257.1	86.8	9	8	0	0	9	184	151.6	98.5	19.6	32.6	25.0	19.0	3.8
	Mis	80	170.5	104.5	13	32	19	11	5	310	119.4	84.8	33.0	35.5	16.1	10.0	5.4
Union	Fel	183	161.4	101.6	55	49	18	45	16	331	53.1	38.2	75.9	18.1	3.3	.6	2.1
	Mis	67	88.4	40.3	43	7	8	7	2	263	65.9	36.6	70.0	17.5	5.7	4.9	1.9
District Totals	Fel	615	155.0	53.0	342	95	40	61	77	1,697	92.0	48.1	57.1	22.4	9.8	7.1	3.6
	Mis	371	155.5	68.7	174	77	38	40	42	1,292	97.0	67.3	45.4	31.0	11.5	9.1	3.0
District 21																	
Forsyth	Fel	231	66.5	65.9	103	102	19	3	4	1,100	70.9	42.8	65.2	21.4	5.7	6.5	1.2
	Mis	289	49.2	39.8	192	73	22	2	0	1,161	63.5	44.4	68.2	18.4	7.6	5.3	.5

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					0-60	61-120	121-180	181-365	>365				% 0-60	% 61-120	% 121-180	% 181-365	% >365
District 22																	
Alexander	Fel	29	34.0	6.1	25	1	2	1	0	64	94.3	77.5	37.4	43.8	6.3	12.5	0.0
	Mis	23	148.9	79.7	11	4	3	3	2	243	224.8	267.2	21.3	16.5	9.9	48.6	3.7
Davidson	Fel	164	66.1	38.8	99	33	25	6	1	262	103.9	40.5	72.0	13.0	4.6	5.0	5.4
	Mis	59	103.2	51.5	35	11	7	3	3	368	62.8	32.5	79.6	11.4	3.8	2.2	3.0
Davie	Fel	30	93.1	51.0	18	3	4	5	0	91	136.9	92.9	25.2	38.5	6.6	26.4	3.3
	Mis	32	83.3	71.5	9	18	4	1	0	50	96.6	62.5	44.0	36.0	6.0	10.0	4.0
Iredell	Fel	220	111.4	43.1	167	12	8	10	23	422	144.9	94.5	31.3	41.5	9.4	9.5	8.3
	Mis	83	66.4	22.4	58	11	6	6	2	330	76.3	56.9	54.3	33.3	4.2	8.2	0.0
District Totals	Fel	443	88.3	39.3	309	49	39	22	24	839	127.4	69.2	44.0	32.4	7.3	10.1	6.2
	Mis	197	89.8	46.6	113	44	20	13	7	991	108.7	53.4	55.2	21.2	5.5	15.9	2.2
District 23																	
Alleghany	Fel	12	35.8	42.5	12	0	0	0	0	17	309.0	104.7	5.9	52.9	0.0	0.0	41.2
	Mis	6	399.1	487.5	2	0	0	0	4	25	390.2	268.0	28.0	8.0	0.0	24.0	40.0
Ashe	Fel	13	155.6	240.4	4	2	0	7	0	74	146.4	111.5	41.8	31.1	6.8	14.9	5.4
	Mis	17	117.8	16.4	9	0	0	8	0	78	144.5	109.9	30.7	46.2	5.1	14.1	3.9
Wilkes	Fel	48	121.5	68.0	11	22	0	14	1	165	182.8	99.9	15.8	49.7	9.7	11.5	13.3
	Mis	49	101.2	45.0	29	13	2	4	1	188	149.5	85.3	30.9	30.8	15.4	11.2	11.7
Yadkin	Fel	61	106.5	58.5	34	5	4	16	2	72	127.0	117.1	23.6	43.0	12.5	16.7	4.2
	Mis	49	105.2	52.6	27	10	1	8	3	133	129.8	82.7	43.5	23.3	8.3	21.8	3.1
District Totals	Fel	134	110.3	65.9	61	29	4	37	3	328	168.9	100.2	23.0	44.2	9.1	12.8	10.9
	Mis	121	119.9	52.0	67	23	3	20	8	424	156.6	93.5	34.7	29.9	10.4	15.8	9.2
District 24																	
Avery	Fel	61	221.7	121.2	20	6	17	4	14	75	273.3	310.9	18.8	6.6	4.0	49.3	21.3
	Mis	26	272.3	209.5	4	7	0	9	6	35	277.7	208.5	17.0	8.6	17.2	42.9	14.3
Madison	Fel	45	479.9	428.0	4	0	6	11	24	12	160.0	69.5	41.7	16.6	8.3	16.7	16.7
	Mis	19	238.6	162.0	4	2	6	2	5	20	124.5	81.0	30.0	30.0	10.0	25.0	5.0
Mitchell	Fel	15	253.5	129.0	3	1	4	3	4	24	114.2	46.8	62.4	20.9	0.0	8.3	8.4
	Mis	15	197.1	146.3	0	6	5	1	3	17	137.7	99.0	23.6	29.4	17.6	29.4	0.0
Watauga	Fel	37	148.8	128.2	5	8	16	5	3	131	120.2	83.0	38.1	24.4	14.5	19.1	3.9
	Mis	9	69.3	68.7	3	6	0	0	0	35	201.0	174.0	31.2	11.5	8.6	42.9	5.8
Yancey	Fel	14	195.9	123.5	1	5	1	6	1	45	94.5	62.8	44.4	20.0	6.7	28.9	0.0
	Mis	17	200.7	185.7	2	1	5	8	1	37	108.8	71.7	21.7	43.2	29.7	2.7	2.7
District Totals	Fel	172	274.2	155.5	33	20	44	29	46	287	157.4	94.2	36.3	18.4	9.1	27.5	8.7
	Mis	86	216.3	162.5	13	22	16	20	15	144	177.9	126.0	24.3	23.6	17.3	28.5	6.3

Ages of Felony (Fel) and Misdemeanor (Mis) Cases in the Superior Courts

Ages of Cases Pending 6/30/79 and Ages of Cases Disposed During Fiscal Year 1978-79

					Ages of Pending Cases (Days)								Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)				
		Total Pending	Mean Age	Median Age	0-60	61-120	121-180	181-365	>365	Total Disposed	Mean Age	Median Age	% 0-60	% 61-120	% 121-180	% 181-365	% >365
District 25																	
Burke	Fel	125	172.1	80.5	44	38	6	16	21	297	126.1	93.0	30.3	26.3	14.8	25.9	2.7
	Mis	65	170.3	58.2	37	6	4	8	10	208	179.2	91.1	35.1	22.2	24.0	9.6	9.1
Caldwell	Fel	60	141.9	121.0	26	3	15	14	2	295	120.1	78.9	34.7	33.5	7.8	20.3	3.7
	Mis	35	56.7	40.9	27	2	4	2	0	252	148.3	70.1	40.5	34.5	11.1	8.3	5.6
Catawba	Fel	399	242.8	140.5	86	101	45	81	86	790	147.5	119.7	12.2	37.5	22.3	25.4	2.6
	Mis	236	277.6	129.5	66	45	14	40	71	429	143.0	110.6	14.9	39.9	22.8	16.3	6.1
District Totals	Fel	584	217.3	115.3	156	142	66	111	109	1,382	137.1	108.2	20.8	34.2	17.6	24.5	2.9
	Mis	336	233.8	92.5	130	53	22	50	81	889	153.0	97.0	26.9	34.2	19.8	12.5	6.6
District 26																	
Mecklenburg	Fel	667	298.1	96.0	247	117	10	99	194	1,854	162.1	107.7	25.2	28.6	15.5	22.3	8.4
	Mis	479	213.0	134.6	152	77	94	82	74	1,586	110.3	85.9	34.6	30.5	16.8	16.0	2.1
District 27A																	
Gaston	Fel	428	121.5	29.2	270	33	36	54	35	1,162	106.5	75.3	38.5	38.6	9.8	8.0	5.1
	Mis	98	151.8	59.3	50	13	8	16	11	353	104.4	48.5	57.6	19.2	4.2	10.8	8.2
District 27B																	
Cleveland	Fel	63	128.0	158.0	22	7	26	5	3	390	67.8	60.5	49.3	42.5	5.9	1.5	.8
	Mis	28	82.3	43.0	18	4	1	5	0	137	66.4	45.6	66.5	20.4	6.6	3.6	2.9
Lincoln	Fel	80	97.1	100.0	28	20	28	4	0	156	67.4	42.1	66.1	23.7	5.1	3.2	1.9
	Mis	16	110.8	94.7	4	7	3	2	0	90	80.2	56.8	52.2	34.5	5.5	5.6	2.2
District Totals	Fel	143	110.7	101.6	50	27	54	9	3	546	67.6	54.2	54.1	37.2	5.6	2.0	1.1
	Mis	44	92.7	56.5	22	11	4	7	0	227	71.9	53.7	60.8	26.0	6.2	4.4	2.6
District 28																	
Buncombe	Fel	242	102.0	78.1	103	75	29	29	6	800	93.6	83.6	33.4	47.2	11.0	6.8	1.6
	Mis	134	52.7	24.5	97	24	6	5	2	264	79.2	55.3	50.8	31.4	9.5	6.8	1.5
District 29																	
Henderson	Fel	63	147.9	71.4	23	21	4	10	5	259	161.2	93.0	34.0	21.2	23.2	13.9	7.7
	Mis	23	153.4	86.7	5	13	0	4	1	96	172.0	77.5	34.4	25.0	14.6	13.5	12.5
McDowell	Fel	58	205.7	93.6	22	9	8	8	11	116	152.3	84.0	31.0	37.9	9.5	11.2	10.4
	Mis	21	206.9	170.0	2	5	4	7	3	46	202.8	91.5	23.9	39.1	10.9	2.2	23.9
Polk	Fel	45	228.8	190.2	1	17	4	15	8	56	172.7	140.7	16.1	9.0	41.0	23.2	10.7
	Mis	16	162.1	101.0	4	5	2	4	1	34	147.1	100.5	32.5	17.6	17.6	29.4	2.9
Rutherford	Fel	124	255.5	67.5	61	17	6	8	32	229	226.3	148.2	4.8	37.1	22.7	21.0	14.4
	Mis	75	280.5	162.7	17	14	11	15	18	148	241.9	177.5	12.9	25.0	14.8	25.7	21.6
Transylvania	Fel	37	367.4	152.0	0	16	6	3	12	126	242.4	120.5	16.0	33.3	2.4	19.8	28.5
	Mis	12	381.2	130.0	0	6	0	1	5	41	171.7	117.0	26.9	24.4	14.6	19.5	14.6
District Totals	Fel	327	234.9	94.1	107	80	28	44	68	786	192.7	119.0	20.9	29.3	19.0	17.2	13.6
	Mis	147	245.5	134.0	28	43	17	31	28	365	201.9	123.2	23.3	26.0	14.5	19.2	17.0

Ages of Felony (Fel) and Misdemeanor (Mis) Cases in the Superior Courts

Ages of Cases Pending 6/30/79 and Ages of Cases Disposed During Fiscal Year 1978-79

					Ages of Pending Cases (Days)								Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)				
District 30		Total Pending	Mean Age	Median Age	0-60	61-120	121-180	181-365	>365	Total Disposed	Mean Age	Median Age	% 0-60	% 61-120	% 121-180	% 181-365	% >365
Cherokee	Fel	50	210.2	232.1	9	6	9	19	7	50	175.8	148.7	6.0	32.0	22.0	34.0	6.0
	Mis	46	203.2	152.0	7	11	6	16	6	31	232.3	211.0	16.1	19.4	12.9	32.3	19.3
Clay	Fel	10	51.6	41.1	7	0	3	0	0	43	233.3	96.0	6.9	48.8	4.7	4.7	34.9
	Mis	1	156.0	156.0	0	0	1	0	0	4	473.2	343.5	0.0	50.0	0.0	0.0	50.0
Graham	Fel	6	383.3	114.5	0	3	0	1	2	13	175.0	111.3	30.7	23.1	15.4	23.1	7.7
	Mis	11	127.1	66.0	5	3	0	2	1	28	173.1	88.5	39.3	25.0	7.1	14.3	14.3
Haywood	Fel	22	652.0	625.0	0	0	0	0	22	58	357.6	309.5	0.0	1.8	3.4	48.3	46.5
	Mis	216	182.6	106.5	72	42	32	38	32	402	160.3	127.1	27.2	16.9	23.1	27.1	5.7
Jackson	Fel	68	450.0	484.7	10	7	1	1	49	90	186.6	146.5	14.5	14.4	38.9	21.1	11.1
	Mis	41	255.2	255.2	0	8	12	17	4	72	175.9	152.5	8.3	33.4	18.0	34.7	5.6
Macon	Fel	69	357.0	428.5	11	18	1	2	37	43	79.4	59.9	44.2	30.2	9.3	16.3	0.0
	Mis	34	295.9	305.5	6	3	7	6	12	22	173.4	96.3	13.7	54.5	4.5	9.1	18.2
Swain	Fel	11	324.6	324.0	0	0	0	10	1	29	292.2	208.8	0.0	7.0	17.2	44.8	31.0
	Mis	5	370.0	274.0	0	0	0	3	2	27	229.7	146.0	11.2	22.2	18.5	25.9	22.2
District Totals	Fel	236	366.4	359.5	37	34	14	33	118	326	216.3	174.6	13.0	21.1	18.7	27.3	19.9
	Mis	354	205.4	141.0	90	67	58	82	57	586	172.5	128.7	23.4	21.3	20.2	26.8	8.3
STATE TOTALS	Fel	11,734	183.8	88.6	4,371	2,647	1,411	1,558	1,747	30,979	127.9	69.3	39.9	30.0	11.2	12.4	6.5
	Mis	8,164	167.2	73.5	3,513	1,611	877	1,146	1,017	23,608	116.1	61.5	45.1	26.1	11.3	11.8	5.7

Part IV, Section 3

District Court Division Caseload Data

THE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION

The District Court presentation in this section will divide all district court matters into criminal and civil categories except for juvenile cases, which fall into district court jurisdiction but receive special treatment in the courts in accord with the juvenile code.

For reporting purposes, civil district cases are categorized as general civil, domestic relations, and civil magistrate cases. The implications of the title "general civil" describe these cases accurately, and this category covers those civil cases that do not fit into the other named categories. Domestic relations cases involve such issues as divorce, custody and support of children. Civil magistrate cases are those assigned by the chief district court judge to a magistrate. These cases involve small claims up to $500 in monetary value. The magistrate has simplified trial procedures, and appeals from him go to the district court judge for a new trial. Among these three categories, civil magistrate cases composed approximately 64% of the district court civil filings during the 1978-79 fiscal year, but because these cases generally require only a small amount of time from filing to disposition, this category constituted the smallest pending caseload at the end of the year. Graphs included in this division compare caseloads among these three categories. The aging table for civil district cases is not broken into categories; rather, the data is lumped as a whole for space saving reasons and because a breakdown of ages into civil categories is of questionable interest. An aging graph is provided to supplement the data.

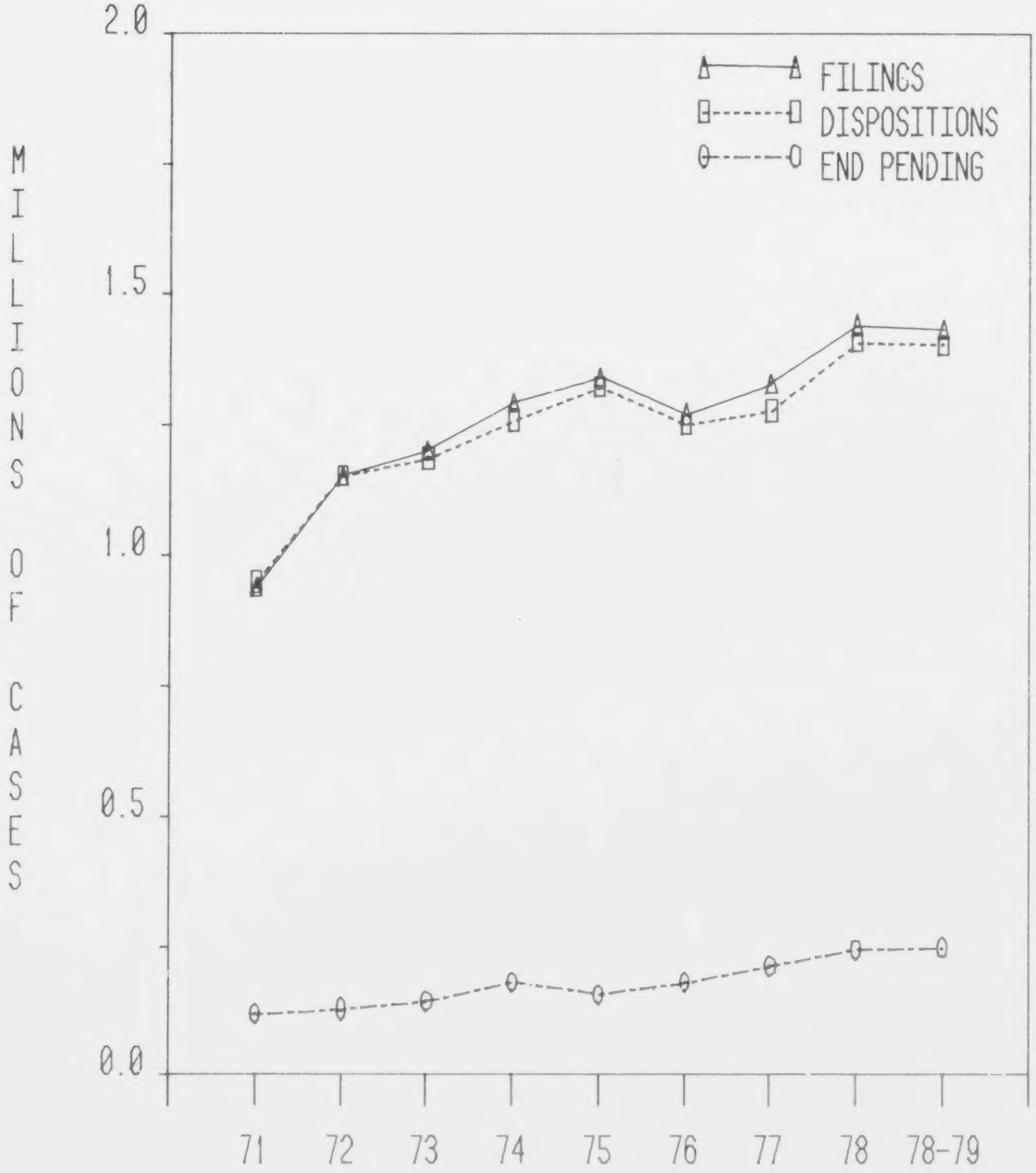
The two juvenile tables in the pages that follow summarize juvenile proceedings during the 1978-79 fiscal year. The first deals with petitions initiated against children who are "delinquent," "dependent," "neglected," "undisciplined," or who have violated probation. With the exception of the last column in this table, the numbers presented record the offenses alleged to have been committed and conditions alleged to have existed during the year and will not give the actual number of children before the court. One petition may include several offenses or conditions, and more than one petition may be filed against a child during the year. The second table presents the number of hearings for juvenile cases and divides those into "retained" or "dismissed" petitions. Juvenile petitons may be dismissed for failure to prove that a child is delinquent, undisciplined, dependent, or neglected or if a child fitting into one of these categories is not in need of the care, protection, or discipline of the state. Petitions not dismissed are recorded in the "retained" column.

Presentation of criminal offenses at district court level remains fairly straightforward. District court has exclusive original jurisdiction over misdemeanor cases, but district court authority in felony cases extends only to conducting preliminary hearings to determine whether there is probable cause to bind the defendant over to superior court. District court criminal cases constitute the bulk of all district court cases. Caseload summary tables for this division record 1,152,519 criminal filings for the year as opposed to 279,548 civil filings. Traffic cases comprise 69% of the criminal filings, the remainder being composed of a variety of offenses that are categorized as non-motor vehicle cases. Criminal cases that were disposed of this year passed through the courts rapidly. The median age for the 787,465 traffic cases disposed of statewide was 21 days, very close to the 19-day median for the 347,174 non-motor vehicle cases.

As indicated before, the tables in this section are compiled from information reported by the clerks of superior court. In addition, the District Attorney in District 15B has furnished the Administrative Office of the Courts with information that indicates that the district court criminal data for Orange County may contain inaccuracies. Also a recent on-site verification in Mecklenburg County has indicated that the district court criminal pending case statistics for Mecklenburg County contained in this report are inflated. As of the printing of this report these discrepancies have not been completely resolved to allow printing of corrected data.

This section of the Annual Report depicts the 1978-79 fiscal year in the district courts. The caseload volume is obviously very large compared to that of the appellate or superior courts, and this volume is summarized in the pages that follow.

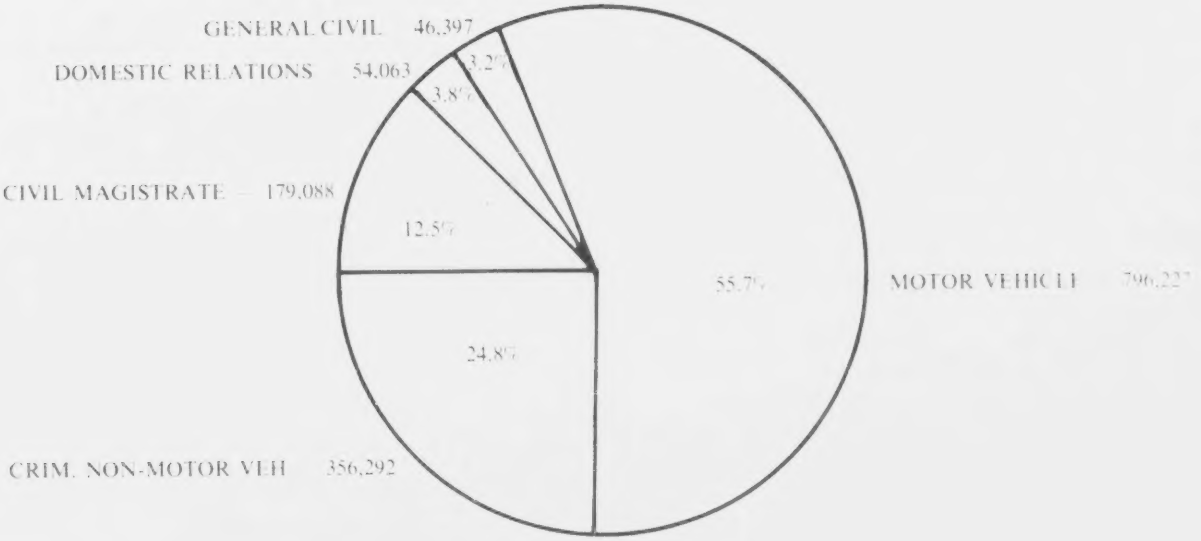
CASELOAD TRENDS IN THE DISTRICT COURTS
1971-1979



DISTRICT COURT, AS A WHOLE, HAS EXPERIENCED INCREASED CASELOADS OVER THE PAST EIGHT YEARS. COMPARED TO 1971, THE 1978-79 FIGURES INDICATE A 52.6% INCREASE IN FILINGS, A 48.3% RISE IN THE NUMBER OF DISPOSITIONS, AND WHILE IT IS NOT OBVIOUS FROM THE GRAPH, PENDING CASELOAD HAS MORE THAN DOUBLED SINCE 1971.

FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS IN THE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION
1978-79

FILINGS



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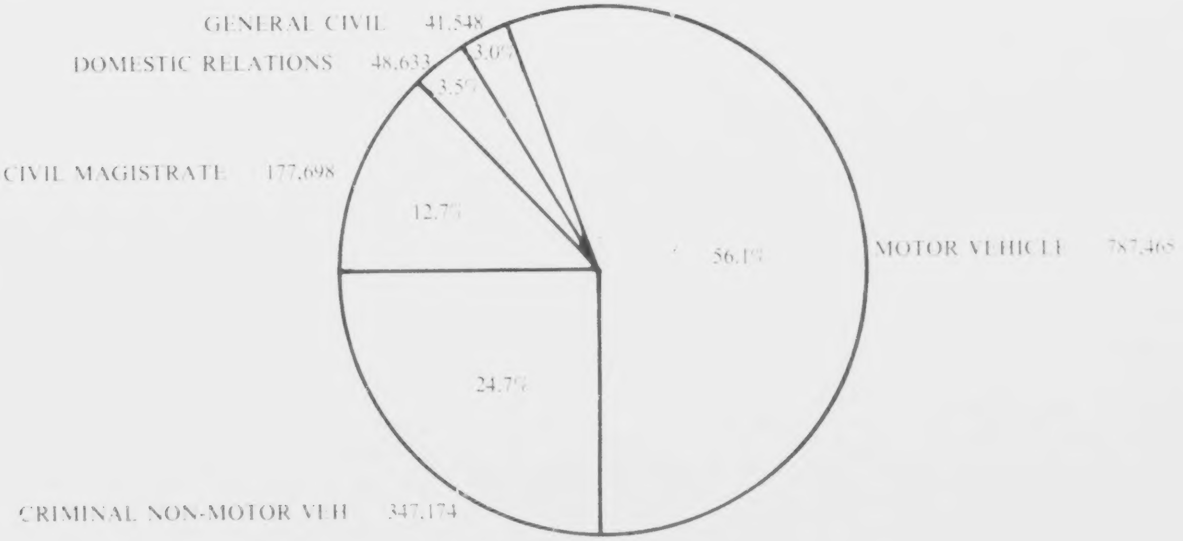

These pie charts show marked similarities. Dispositions as a percentage of filings are: Motor Vehicle — 98.9%, General Civil — 89.5%, Domestic Relations — 90.0%, Civil Magistrate — 99.2%, and Non-Motor Vehicle — 97.4%.

CASELOAD SUMMARIES FOR CIVIL CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

July 1, 1978-June 30, 1979

		Filings							
District 1	Pending 7/1/78	Total	General Civil	Domestic Relations	Small Claims	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Disposed to Caseload	Pending 6/30/79
Camden	11	130	18	23	89	141	120	85.1	21
Chowan	125	832	195	41	596	957	776	81.0	181
Currituck	117	453	90	46	317	570	423	74.2	147
Dare	167	455	102	100	253	622	393	63.1	229
Gates	87	376	41	23	312	463	398	85.9	65
Pasquotank	323	1,120	106	326	688	1,443	1,229	85.1	214
Perquimans	43	263	27	40	196	306	245	80.0	61
District Totals	873	3,629	579	599	2,451	4,502	3,584	79.6	918
District 2									
Beaufort	379	2,404	139	419	1,846	2,783	2,429	87.2	354
Hyde	28	176	22	17	137	204	168	82.3	36
Martin	454	1,525	94	214	1,217	1,979	1,674	84.5	305
Tyrrell	28	147	6	45	96	175	129	73.7	46
Washington	179	962	82	129	751	1,141	1,017	89.1	124
District Totals	1,068	5,214	343	824	4,047	6,282	5,417	86.2	865
District 3									
Carteret	476	1,466	246	367	853	1,942	1,286	66.2	656
Craven	1,023	3,117	685	834	1,598	4,140	3,177	76.7	963
Pamlico	88	285	39	67	179	373	290	77.7	83
Pitt	1,561	4,128	667	772	2,689	5,689	4,004	70.3	1,685
District Totals	3,148	8,996	1,637	2,040	5,319	12,144	8,757	72.1	3,387
District 4									
Duplin	471	2,238	263	312	1,663	2,709	2,120	78.2	589
Jones	78	344	44	104	196	422	344	81.5	78
Onslow	1,241	3,879	315	1,285	2,279	5,120	3,721	72.6	1,399
Sampson	362	3,198	299	440	2,459	3,560	3,039	85.3	521
District Totals	2,152	9,659	921	2,141	6,597	11,811	9,224	78.0	2,587
District 5									
New Hanover	1,956	6,411	1,237	1,257	3,917	8,367	6,020	71.9	2,347
Pender	178	805	154	152	499	983	755	76.8	228
District Totals	2,134	7,216	1,391	1,409	4,416	9,350	6,775	72.4	2,575
District 6									
Bertie	257	1,177	78	172	927	1,434	1,030	71.8	404
Halifax	737	2,545	207	448	1,890	3,282	2,333	71.0	949
Hertford	245	1,242	272	183	787	1,487	1,073	72.1	414
Northampton	227	1,065	186	36	843	1,292	1,044	80.8	248
District Totals	1,466	6,029	743	839	4,447	7,495	5,480	73.1	2,015
District 7									
Edgecombe	591	4,298	392	599	3,307	4,889	4,093	83.7	796
Nash	776	3,412	428	524	2,460	4,188	3,224	76.9	964
Wilson	596	4,093	479	686	2,928	4,689	3,802	81.0	887
District Totals	1,963	11,803	1,299	1,809	8,695	13,766	11,119	80.7	2,647
District 8									
Greene	100	545	27	128	390	645	534	82.7	111
Lenoir	1,065	4,413	712	866	2,835	5,478	4,080	74.4	1,398
Wayne	1,733	5,433	1,143	1,181	3,109	7,166	4,808	67.0	2,358
District Totals	2,898	10,391	1,882	2,175	6,334	13,289	9,422	70.9	3,867
District 9									
Franklin	446	1,174	173	251	750	1,620	1,204	74.3	416
Granville	192	1,691	177	177	1,337	1,883	1,551	82.3	332
Person	424	1,575	198	251	1,126	1,999	1,322	66.1	677
Vance	539	2,271	175	393	1,703	2,810	2,356	83.8	454
Warren	332	855	119	153	583	1,187	755	63.6	432
District Totals	1,933	7,566	842	1,225	5,499	9,499	7,188	75.6	2,311
District 10									
Wake	5,237	15,586	4,480	2,376	8,730	20,823	13,698	65.7	7,125

CASELOAD SUMMARIES FOR CIVIL CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

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		Filings							
	Pending 7/1/78	Total	General Civil	Domestic Relations	Small Claims	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Disposed to Caseload	Pending 6/30/79
District 11									
Harnett	1,021	2,312	433	492	1,387	3,333	2,230	66.9	1,103
Johnston	1,173	3,332	528	890	1,914	4,505	3,081	68.3	1,424
Lee	487	1,887	649	9	1,229	2,374	1,714	72.1	660
District Totals	2,681	7,531	1,610	1,391	4,530	10,212	7,025	68.7	3,187
District 12									
Cumberland	2,858	12,106	1,707	2,630	7,769	14,964	11,615	77.6	3,349
Hoke	178	835	232	88	515	1,013	802	79.1	211
District Totals	3,036	12,941	1,939	2,718	8,284	15,977	12,417	77.7	3,560
District 13									
Bladen	389	1,466	373	126	967	1,855	1,373	74.0	482
Brunswick	630	550	200	206	144	1,180	357	30.2	823
Columbus	896	2,835	457	422	1,956	3,731	2,800	75.0	931
District Totals	1,915	4,851	1,030	754	3,067	6,766	4,530	66.9	2,236
District 14									
Durham	4,088	15,385	1,947	1,643	11,795	19,473	14,795	75.9	4,678
District 15A									
Alamance	450	3,317	542	1,021	1,754	3,767	3,157	83.8	610
District 15B									
Chatham	336	1,304	111	265	928	1,640	1,370	83.5	270
Orange	798	1,911	315	503	1,093	2,709	1,853	68.4	856
District Totals	1,134	3,215	426	768	2,021	4,349	3,223	74.1	1,126
District 16									
Robeson	1,483	5,955	1,101	1,143	3,711	7,438	5,760	77.4	1,678
Scotland	376	1,516	143	230	1,143	1,892	1,406	74.3	486
District Totals	1,859	7,471	1,244	1,373	4,854	9,330	7,166	76.8	2,164
District 17									
Caswell	127	650	41	139	470	777	620	79.7	157
Rockingham	599	2,955	389	680	1,886	3,554	2,970	83.5	584
Stokes	155	804	94	195	515	959	821	85.6	138
Surry	780	3,269	561	429	2,279	4,049	3,265	80.6	784
District Totals	1,661	7,678	1,085	1,443	5,150	9,339	7,676	82.1	1,663
District 18									
Guilford	5,175	21,187	3,590	3,720	13,877	26,362	21,309	80.8	5,053
District 19A									
Cabarrus	759	3,066	737	688	1,641	3,825	2,672	69.8	1,153
Rowan	538	3,497	505	644	2,348	4,035	3,281	81.3	754
District Totals	1,297	6,563	1,242	1,332	3,989	7,860	5,953	75.7	1,907
District 19B									
Montgomery	336	1,062	175	104	783	1,448	980	67.6	468
Randolph	378	2,107	299	667	1,141	2,485	2,055	82.6	430
District Totals	764	3,169	474	771	1,924	3,933	3,035	77.1	898
District 20									
Anson	302	911	87	151	673	1,213	1,010	83.2	203
Moore	485	2,140	261	349	1,530	2,625	2,048	78.0	577
Richmond	1,950	2,593	220	398	1,975	4,543	2,808	61.8	1,735
Stanly	502	1,955	311	228	1,416	2,457	1,900	77.3	557
Union	445	2,024	281	378	1,365	2,469	1,907	77.2	562
District Totals	3,684	9,623	1,160	1,504	6,959	13,307	9,673	72.6	3,634

CASELOAD SUMMARIES FOR CIVIL CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURTS
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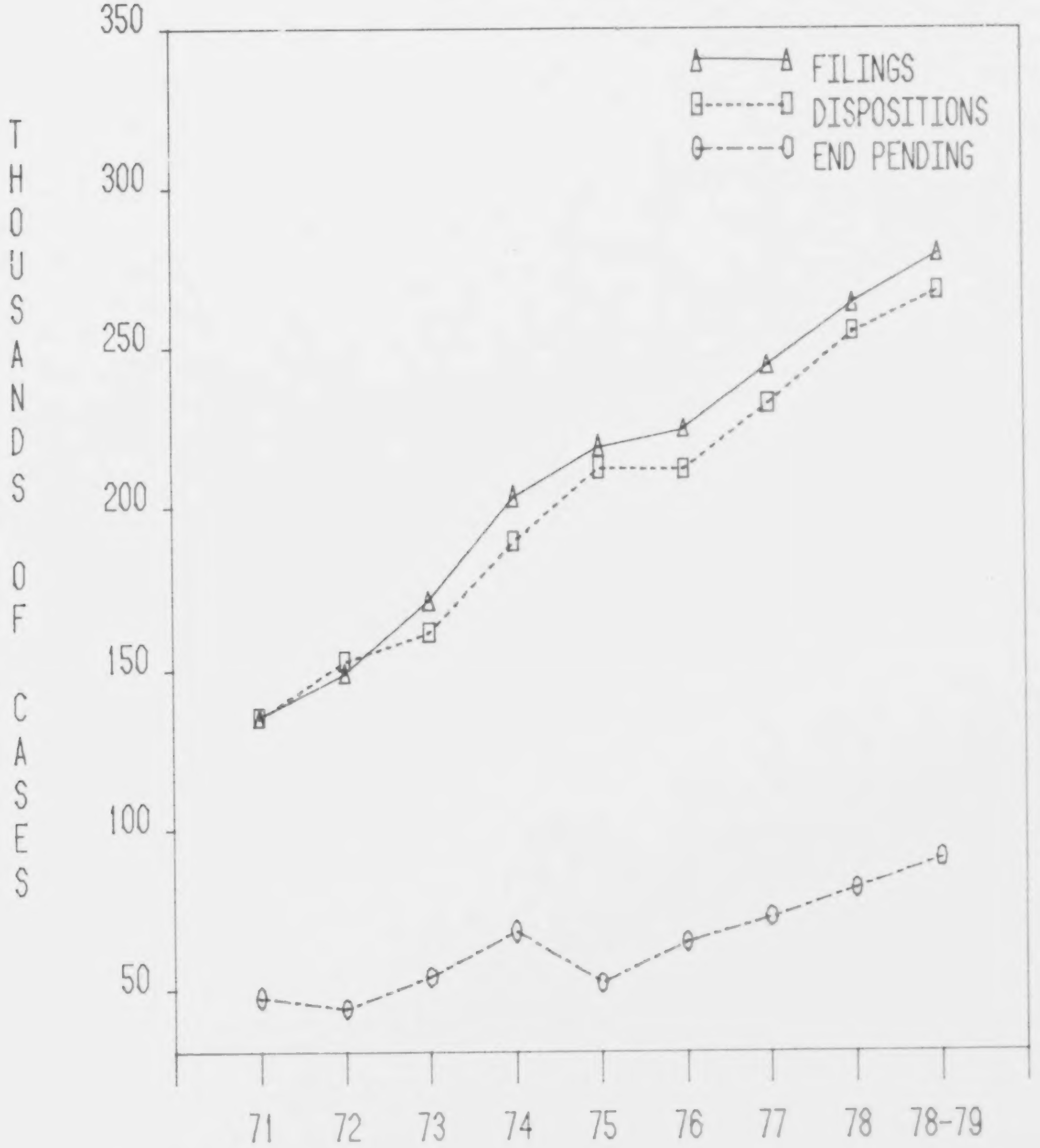
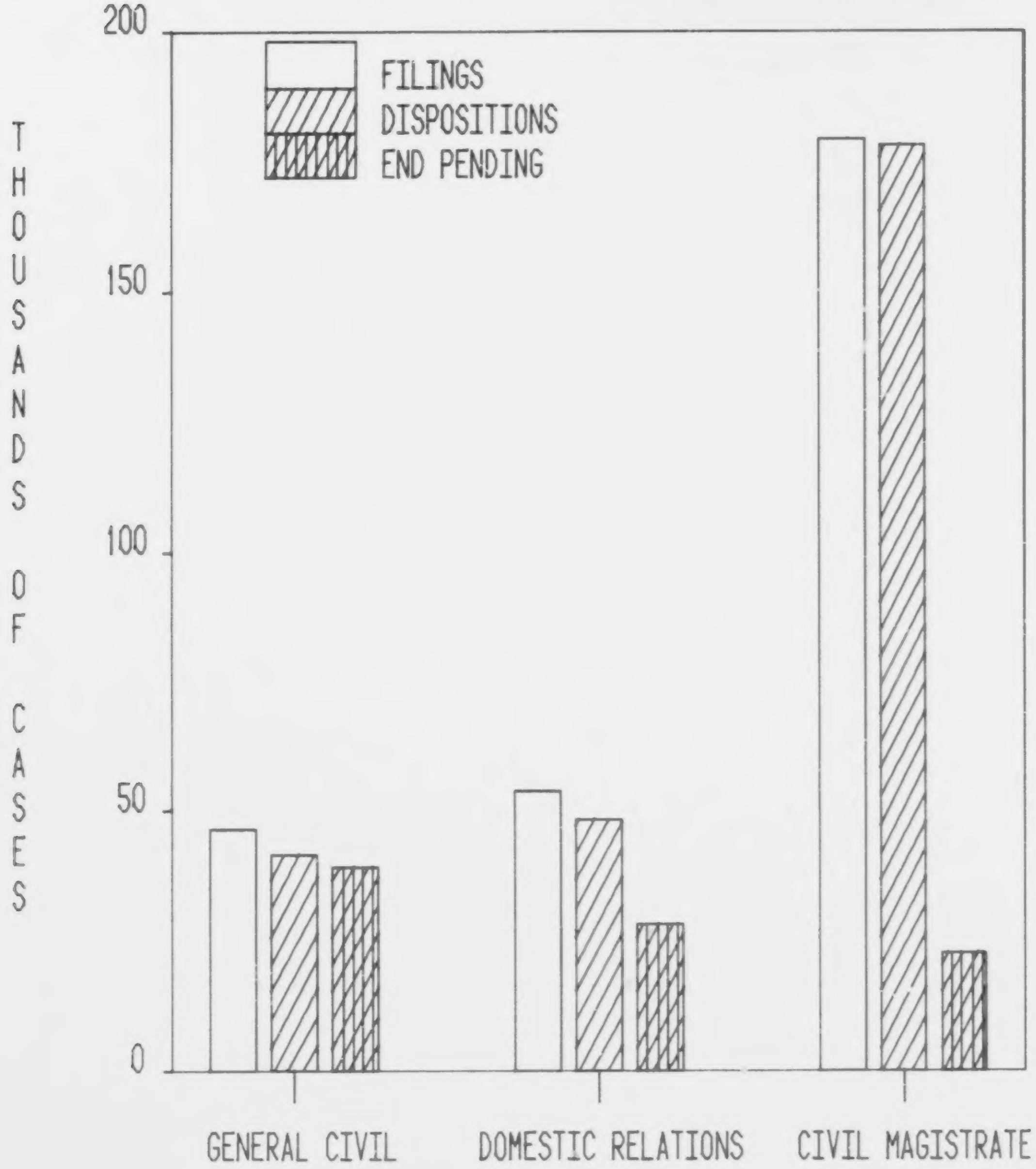
	Pending 7/1/78	Filings				Total Caseload	Disposed	% Disposed to Caseload	Pending 6/30/79
		Total	General Civil	Domestic Relations	Small Claims				
District 21									
Forsyth	2,172	12,772	2,670	2,513	7,589	14,944	12,348	82.6	2,596
District 22									
Alexander	124	586	50	120	416	710	548	77.1	162
Davidson	747	3,169	465	948	1,756	3,916	3,027	77.2	889
Davie	111	541	90	131	320	652	496	76.0	156
Iredell	600	3,527	593	683	2,251	4,127	3,318	80.3	809
District Totals	1,582	7,823	1,198	1,882	4,743	9,405	7,389	78.5	2,016
District 23									
Alleghany	78	296	94	71	131	374	275	73.5	99
Ashe	123	534	54	88	392	657	570	86.7	87
Wilkes	622	2,509	824	452	1,233	3,131	2,145	68.5	986
Yadkin	196	1,704	175	222	1,307	1,900	1,598	84.1	302
District Totals	1,019	5,043	1,147	833	3,063	6,062	4,588	75.6	1,474
District 24									
Avery	114	547	188	2	357	661	560	84.7	101
Madison	63	255	29	67	159	318	236	74.2	82
Mitchell	53	356	74	61	221	409	341	83.3	68
Watauga	257	795	288	185	322	1,052	787	74.8	265
Yancey	64	391	57	99	235	455	366	80.4	89
District Totals	551	2,344	636	414	1,294	2,895	2,290	79.1	605
District 25									
Burke	649	2,288	303	654	1,331	2,937	2,282	77.6	655
Caldwell	460	2,388	302	520	1,566	2,848	2,192	76.9	656
Catawba	882	3,969	928	785	2,256	4,851	3,603	74.2	1,248
District Totals	1,991	8,645	1,533	1,959	5,153	10,636	8,077	75.9	2,559
District 26									
Mecklenburg	14,764	29,578	4,994	6,235	18,349	44,342	29,897	67.4	14,445
District 27A									
Gaston	1,735	5,736	610	1,717	3,409	7,471	5,511	73.7	1,960
District 27B									
Cleveland	488	2,979	374	659	1,946	3,467	2,810	81.0	657
Lincoln	183	1,204	282	315	607	1,387	1,159	83.5	228
District Totals	671	4,183	656	974	2,553	4,854	3,969	81.7	885
District 28									
Buncombe	1,672	6,081	1,158	1,558	3,365	7,753	5,498	70.9	2,255
District 29									
Henderson	339	1,269	231	481	557	1,608	1,144	71.1	464
McDowell	332	814	147	206	461	1,146	757	66.0	389
Polk	82	253	16	79	158	335	262	78.2	73
Rutherford	161	1,401	198	349	854	1,562	1,251	80.0	311
Transylvania	353	854	152	221	481	1,207	868	71.9	339
District Totals	1,267	4,591	744	1,336	2,511	5,858	4,282	73.0	1,576
District 30									
Cherokee	133	417	27	146	244	550	285	51.8	265
Clay	21	168	35	18	115	189	151	79.8	38
Graham	40	125	14	31	80	165	112	67.8	53
Haywood	419	1,618	253	265	1,100	2,037	1,563	76.7	474
Jackson	225	616	138	126	352	841	627	74.5	214
Macon	152	477	93	111	273	629	401	63.7	228
Swain	55	311	85	70	156	366	268	73.2	98
District Totals	1,045	3,732	645	767	2,320	4,777	3,407	71.3	1,370
STATE TOTALS	79,085	279,548	46,397	54,063	179,088	358,633	267,879	74.6	90,754

CASELOAD TRENDS OF CIVIL CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURTS
1971-1979



THIS GRAPH SHOWS A STEADY GROWTH RATE FOR FILINGS, DISPOSITIONS, AND PENDING CASES; THE 1978-79 FIGURES SHOW AT LEAST A 90% INCREASE OVER 1971 COUNTS AND AT LEAST A 26% INCREASE OVER THE 1975 CASELOAD.

GENERAL CIVIL, DOMESTIC RELATIONS, AND CIVIL MAGISTRATE CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURTS---1978-79



THE BULK OF CIVIL DISTRICT CASES RECEIVES A MAGISTRATE'S ATTENTION, DURING THE 1978-79 YEAR, 64.1% OF THE FILINGS AND 66.3% OF THE DISPOSITIONS IN THE CIVIL DISTRICT COURTS WERE CIVIL MAGISTRATE CASES. THIS CATEGORY ALSO RETAINS THE SMALLEST PENDING CASELOAD, 25.5% OF ALL PENDING CIVIL CASES.

Manner of Disposition of Civil Cases in the District Courts

July 1, 1978 — June 30, 1979

		General Civil					Domestic Relations					Small Claims			
	Total Disposed	Judge	Jury	Clerk	Voluntary* Dismissal	Other	Judge	Jury	Clerk	Voluntary* Dismissal	Other	Magistrate	Clerk	Voluntary* Dismissal	Other
District 1															
Camden	120	1	2	3	4	8	10	0	3	3	3	83	0	0	0
Chowan	776	73	1	23	16	78	28	0	2	1	11	543	0	0	0
Currituck	423	17	0	9	9	28	41	1	0	3	3	291	0	17	4
Dare	393	28	0	11	14	19	77	1	0	4	10	222	0	2	5
Gates	398	7	0	13	7	17	31	0	0	0	2	221	0	43	57
Pasquotank	1,229	19	1	75	17	61	278	1	1	7	31	738	0	0	0
Perquimans	245	12	1	7	3	3	32	0	0	3	3	129	0	7	45
District Totals	3,564	157	5	141	70	214	497	3	6	21	63	2,227	0	69	111
District 2															
Beaufort	2,429	60	2	58	11	24	422	1	6	2	5	1,701	0	0	137
Hyde	168	11	0	3	1	1	9	1	0	0	2	140	0	0	0
Martin	1,674	33	2	50	9	17	310	0	28	3	11	1,207	2	0	2
Tyrrell	129	4	2	1	0	3	24	0	0	4	5	85	0	0	1
Washington	1,017	16	1	51	10	19	118	1	8	6	15	771	0	0	1
District Totals	5,417	124	7	163	31	64	883	3	42	15	38	3,904	2	0	141
District 3															
Carteret	1,286	67	1	41	25	42	227	0	0	10	22	360	0	174	317
Craven	3,177	151	9	307	112	114	691	1	6	44	85	1,647	3	3	4
Pamlico	290	13	0	6	5	11	59	0	0	2	5	188	0	0	1
Pitt	4,004	160	1	227	78	156	640	0	4	13	136	2,286	23	18	262
District Totals	8,757	391	11	581	220	323	1,617	1	10	69	248	4,481	26	195	584
District 4															
Duplin	2,120	73	4	87	34	37	258	0	5	11	10	1,595	0	0	6
Jones	344	22	0	9	2	2	111	0	2	1	2	191	0	0	2
Onslow	3,721	150	5	83	32	49	1,000	1	34	67	59	2,241	0	0	0
Sampson	3,039	110	1	90	13	65	346	0	9	4	28	2,372	0	0	1
District Totals	9,224	355	10	269	81	153	1,715	1	50	83	99	6,399	0	0	9
District 5															
New Hanover	6,020	311	19	386	145	137	1,040	2	30	34	55	3,858	0	2	1
Pender	755	48	2	51	15	14	119	0	2	2	9	465	0	24	4
District Totals	6,775	359	21	437	160	151	1,159	2	32	36	64	4,323	0	26	5
District 6															
Bertie	1,030	27	1	20	8	16	70	0	2	0	27	858	1	0	0
Halifax	2,333	36	2	75	7	31	315	0	0	4	47	896	23	2	895
Hertford	1,073	17	2	151	12	41	88	0	5	1	65	689	0	0	2
Northampton	1,044	103	0	35	2	27	11	0	0	0	46	819	0	0	1
District Totals	5,480	183	5	281	29	115	484	0	7	5	185	3,262	24	2	898

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Manner of Disposition of Civil Cases in the District Courts

July 1, 1978 — June 30, 1979

		General Civil					Domestic Relations					Small Claims			
	Total Disposed	Judge	Jury	Clerk	Voluntary* Dismissal	Other	Judge	Jury	Clerk	Voluntary* Dismissal	Other	Magis-trate	Clerk	Voluntary* Dismissal	Other
District 7															
Edgecombe	4,093	69	0	160	30	41	351	0	3	7	177	3,255	0	0	0
Nash	3,224	72	3	144	43	52	442	0	9	8	15	2,436	0	0	0
Wilson	3,802	217	2	92	31	56	489	0	2	14	15	2,155	1	715	13
District Totals	11,119	358	5	396	104	149	1,282	0	14	29	207	7,846	1	715	13
District 8															
Greene	534	15	0	2	4	7	112	0	0	1	2	391	0	0	0
Lenoir	4,080	310	2	213	29	36	706	0	6	8	10	2,758	0	2	0
Wayne	4,808	142	9	408	170	160	739	0	7	64	69	2,320	0	717	3
District Totals	9,422	467	11	623	203	203	1,557	0	13	73	81	5,469	0	719	3
District 9															
Franklin	1,204	54	2	45	19	24	251	1	2	14	19	588	0	183	2
Granville	1,551	62	0	74	18	15	116	0	15	10	14	1,226	0	1	0
Person	1,322	52	1	54	10	42	155	0	4	6	13	961	14	0	10
Vance	2,356	98	0	43	47	81	351	0	2	13	56	1,658	0	6	1
Warren	755	74	0	26	3	42	102	0	1	0	26	474	0	0	7
District Totals	7,188	340	3	242	97	204	975	1	24	43	128	4,907	14	190	20
District 10															
Wake	13,698	1,139	12	1,303	429	394	1,732	4	26	54	65	6,482	0	1,083	975
District 11															
Harnett	2,230	85	4	137	107	126	332	2	8	37	24	1,361	4	2	1
Johnston	3,081	145	3	93	76	114	626	1	1	18	115	1,889	0	0	0
Lee	1,714	265	0	125	11	129	9	0	0	0	11	1,154	6	1	3
District Totals	7,025	495	7	355	194	369	967	3	9	55	150	4,404	10	3	4
District 12															
Cumberland	11,615	448	12	650	163	325	1,895	1	94	75	363	5,912	1,190	214	273
Hoke	802	28	0	62	0	111	44	0	0	0	31	526	0	0	0
District Totals	12,417	476	12	712	163	436	1,939	1	94	75	394	6,438	1,190	214	273
District 13															
Bladen	1,373	135	2	129	27	42	81	0	0	6	7	910	18	12	4
Brunswick	357	62	5	31	39	42	136	0	1	11	18	9	0	0	3
Columbus	2,800	132	22	129	90	90	342	0	1	50	18	1,924	0	1	1
District Totals	4,530	329	29	289	156	174	559	0	2	67	43	2,843	18	13	8

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		General Civil					Domestic Relations					Small Claims			
	Total Disposed	Judge	Jury	Clerk	Voluntary* Dismissal	Other	Judge	Jury	Clerk	Voluntary* Dismissal	Other	Magis-trate	Clerk	Voluntary* Dismissal	Other
District 14															
Durham	14,795	242	10	665	226	479	1,212	0	28	19	319	11,592	1	0	2
District 15A															
Alamance	3,157	134	6	128	104	95	760	2	19	51	140	1,398	2	171	147
District 15B															
Chatham	1,370	36	0	44	12	20	256	0	1	15	11	975	0	0	0
Orange	1,853	136	0	181	35	34	365	0	2	12	10	1,074	0	1	3
District Totals	3,223	172	0	225	47	54	621	0	3	27	21	2,049	0	1	3
District 16															
Robeson	5,760	431	6	385	227	139	894	10	4	18	41	3,568	2	14	21
Scotland	1,406	27	0	59	19	15	187	0	0	1	14	758	0	288	38
District Totals	7,166	458	6	444	246	154	1,081	10	4	19	55	4,326	2	302	59
District 17															
Caswell	620	12	0	14	2	13	126	1	5	11	23	412	0	0	1
Rockingham	2,970	89	6	189	58	47	614	1	5	30	71	1,860	0	0	0
Stokes	821	22	1	28	14	25	154	0	1	18	26	532	0	0	0
Surry	3,265	74	7	252	52	81	305	4	1	13	99	1,881	0	273	223
District Totals	7,676	197	14	483	126	166	1,199	6	12	72	219	4,685	0	273	224
District 18															
Guilford	21,309	1,158	24	1,502	610	645	3,320	2	8	108	169	13,747	5	3	8
District 19A															
Cabarrus	2,672	74	7	258	120	60	520	0	5	19	26	1,011	0	230	342
Rowan	3,281	145	8	176	0	95	517	1	5	0	57	2,254	2	0	21
District Totals	5,953	219	15	434	120	155	1,037	1	10	19	83	3,265	2	230	363
District 19B															
Montgomery	980	42	0	23	10	31	75	0	1	2	17	776	0	0	3
Randolph	2,055	84	0	127	51	27	568	0	16	20	12	1,144	0	6	0
District Totals	3,035	126	0	150	61	58	643	0	17	22	29	1,920	0	6	3

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Manner of Disposition of Civil Cases in the District Courts

July 1, 1978 — June 30, 1979

	Total Disposed	General Civil					Domestic Relations					Small Claims			
		Judge	Jury	Clerk	Voluntary* Dismissal	Other	Judge	Jury	Clerk	Voluntary* Dismissal	Other	Magis-trate	Clerk	Voluntary* Dismissal	Other
District 20															
Anson	1,010	44	0	19	10	42	130	0	0	5	53	655	52	0	0
Moore	2,048	64	8	91	32	56	243	0	2	9	48	1,377	98	13	7
Richmond	2,808	63	5	88	0	61	304	2	4	0	25	2,231	0	1	24
Stanly	1,900	74	1	132	28	37	191	0	1	7	10	1,414	0	1	4
Union	1,907	64	14	80	30	63	309	1	5	7	30	1,161	0	0	143
District Totals	9,673	309	28	410	100	259	1,177	3	12	28	166	6,838	150	15	178
District 21															
Forsyth	12,348	771	18	792	417	524	2,022	3	12	96	181	7,374	6	87	45
District 22															
Alexander	548	18	0	21	3	14	81	0	2	5	4	399	0	1	0
Davidson	3,027	96	6	153	66	63	841	1	17	28	29	1,725	0	0	2
Davie	496	33	2	19	11	23	74	0	1	4	27	300	0	1	1
Iredell	3,318	78	9	203	84	81	539	2	7	36	55	2,167	4	39	14
District Totals	7,389	225	17	396	164	181	1,535	3	27	73	115	4,591	4	41	17
District 23															
Alleghany	275	35	6	15	11	17	58	0	0	6	13	111	0	1	2
Ashe	570	16	2	21	14	10	85	0	0	6	8	227	1	0	180
Wilkes	2,145	143	10	332	106	108	390	1	11	16	15	784	1	118	110
Yadkin	1,598	23	7	70	19	18	181	1	1	13	21	1,243	1	0	0
District Totals	4,588	217	25	438	150	153	714	2	12	41	57	2,365	3	119	292
District 24															
Avery	560	88	1	49	21	34	2	0	0	0	0	365	0	0	0
Madison	236	22	0	0	0	4	57	0	0	0	6	147	0	0	0
Mitchell	341	15	0	20	5	29	42	3	0	1	8	217	0	0	1
Watauga	787	66	2	87	62	51	157	0	3	5	6	346	0	0	2
Yancey	366	10	1	3	7	26	64	0	0	7	27	220	0	1	0
District Totals	2,290	201	4	159	95	144	322	3	3	13	47	1,295	0	1	3
District 25															
Burke	2,282	100	4	81	51	47	521	2	1	19	13	1,433	3	6	1
Caldwell	2,192	99	2	126	40	39	384	0	2	20	21	1,456	0	1	2
Catawba	3,603	199	2	353	86	121	621	0	4	33	51	2,117	0	7	9
District Totals	8,077	398	8	560	177	207	1,526	2	7	72	85	5,006	3	14	12
District 26															
Mecklenburg	29,897	1,504	15	1,640	263	1,007	4,645	4	24	21	192	20,413	166	0	3

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		General Civil					Domestic Relations					Small Claims			
	Total Disposed	Judge	Jury	Clerk	Voluntary* Dismissal	Other	Judge	Jury	Clerk	Voluntary* Dismissal	Other	Magis-trate	Clerk	Voluntary* Dismissal	Other
District 27A															
Gaston	5,511	198	10	144	81	100	1,591	1	11	42	46	3,280	0	5	2
District 27B															
Cleveland	2,810	138	0	62	43	59	579	0	1	20	15	1,881	0	9	3
Lincoln	1,159	43	5	125	29	58	270	0	2	11	10	596	0	3	7
District Totals	3,969	181	5	187	72	117	849	0	3	31	25	2,477	0	12	10
District 28															
Buncombe	5,498	477	25	245	152	119	1,329	6	10	77	81	2,533	1	355	88
District 29															
Henderson	1,144	89	4	47	35	24	352	1	11	24	21	535	0	1	0
McDowell	757	54	2	45	10	17	158	0	3	4	12	446	0	0	6
Polk	262	12	0	2	4	4	55	0	2	5	13	164	0	0	1
Rutherford	1,251	69	2	48	17	19	276	0	0	5	3	810	1	1	0
Transylvania	868	79	5	40	34	11	213	1	2	14	4	465	0	0	0
District Totals	4,282	303	13	182	100	75	1,054	2	18	52	53	2,420	1	2	7
District 30															
Cherokee	285	5	0	6	0	23	55	1	4	0	21	158	3	0	9
Clay	151	4	0	15	5	1	19	0	0	2	1	103	0	0	1
Graham	112	7	0	7	1	2	24	0	1	0	2	56	2	7	3
Haywood	1,563	114	1	82	21	67	226	0	8	8	8	1,017	3	3	5
Jackson	627	86	4	23	17	29	67	0	1	4	18	373	0	5	0
Macon	401	11	0	14	8	27	78	0	1	3	13	245	0	1	0
Swain	268	32	1	14	6	6	63	0	0	1	7	136	0	2	0
District Totals	3,407	259	6	161	58	155	532	1	15	18	70	2,088	8	18	18
STATE TOTALS	267,879	12,922	387	15,137	5,306	7,796	42,535	70	584	1,526	3,918	166,647	1,639	4,884	4,528

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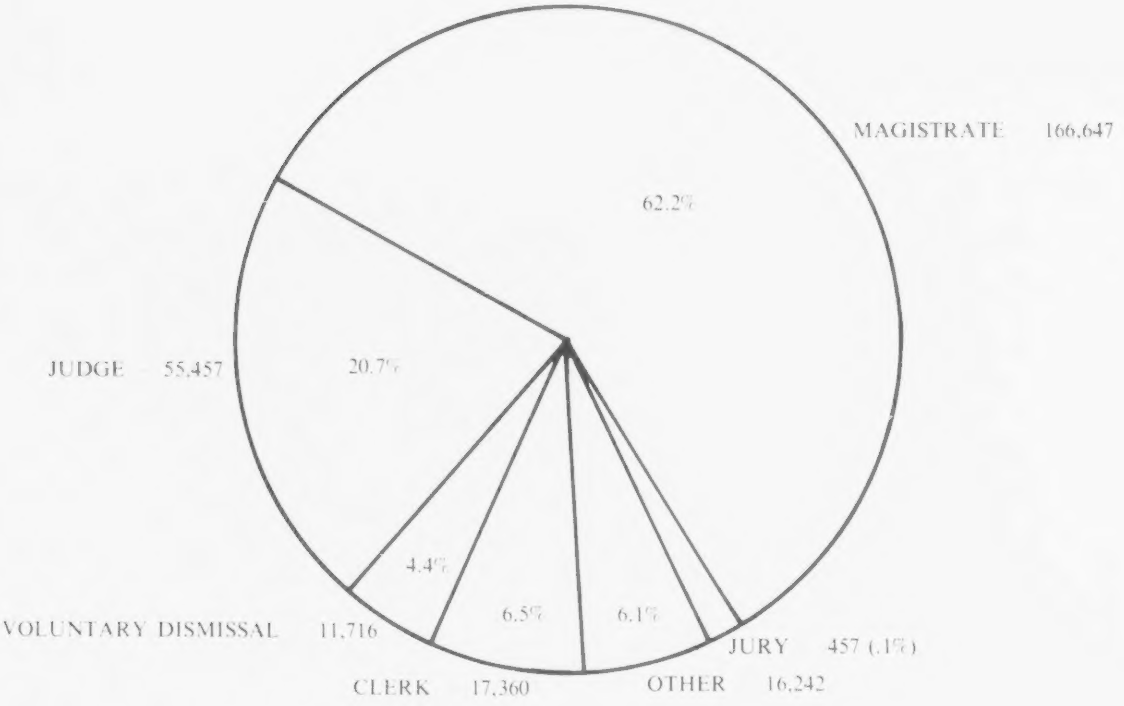
METHODS OF DISPOSITION OF DISTRICT COURT CIVIL CASES
1978-79



6.5% of civil district dispositions were by clerks, .1% by jury, 62.2% by magistrates, 20.7% by judges, 4.4% by voluntary dismissal, and 6.1% by other methods.

Ages of Civil Cases in the District Courts

Ages of Cases Pending 6/30/79 and Ages of Cases Disposed During Fiscal Year 1978-79

	Total Pending	Mean Age	Median Age	Ages of Pending Cases (Days) 0-90	91-180	181-365	366-730	>730	Total Disposed	Mean Age	Median Age	Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days) % 0-90	% 91-180	% 181-365	% 366-730	% >730
District 1																
Camden	21	82.3	17.0	14	2	5	0	0	120	64.0	23.2	87.5	2.5	5.8	4.2	0.0
Chowan	181	199.9	49.7	102	38	13	13	15	776	69.4	30.7	84.1	6.8	4.5	3.4	1.2
Currituck	147	209.2	86.4	74	15	32	16	10	423	82.0	27.4	78.7	9.2	6.9	3.8	1.4
Dare	229	479.8	259.7	58	28	66	38	39	393	110.9	26.4	75.3	10.2	6.9	4.3	3.3
Gates	65	221.7	72.0	34	9	10	5	7	398	73.6	26.6	84.7	7.5	2.5	3.5	1.8
Pasquotank	214	429.6	164.7	81	35	28	20	50	1,229	96.0	21.3	80.4	5.4	8.3	2.8	3.1
Perquimans	61	202.0	53.0	32	9	9	8	3	245	80.5	19.7	87.3	1.6	4.5	3.7	2.9
District Totals	918	323.7	126.9	395	136	163	100	124	3,584	85.7	26.4	81.5	6.6	6.2	3.4	2.3
District 2																
Beaufort	354	231.0	61.3	208	32	45	42	27	2,429	68.1	14.4	86.8	7.3	1.7	1.7	2.5
Hyde	36	300.5	170.5	16	3	4	10	3	168	41.7	18.1	91.6	2.4	4.2	1.8	0.0
Martin	305	287.9	43.6	191	28	24	34	28	1,674	228.3	37.1	76.8	7.8	5.0	1.7	8.7
Tyrrell	46	278.6	143.0	17	6	5	13	5	129	64.5	28.3	91.4	2.3	3.1	1.6	1.6
Washington	124	198.5	88.8	64	22	15	15	8	1,017	57.1	13.6	83.2	8.8	4.7	2.9	.4
District Totals	865	251.8	61.0	496	91	93	114	71	5,417	114.6	19.9	83.2	7.5	3.4	1.9	4.0
District 3																
Carteret	656	308.8	171.7	242	107	99	126	82	1,286	88.4	24.1	78.4	7.9	9.2	2.1	2.4
Craven	963	308.0	134.8	401	148	170	136	106	3,177	125.3	29.5	76.2	9.2	3.5	7.7	3.4
Pamlico	83	429.3	232.7	28	11	12	10	22	290	109.5	17.8	76.7	10.3	4.5	4.1	4.4
Pitt	1,685	507.9	270.3	559	152	216	301	457	4,004	150.7	32.1	78.0	11.8	2.6	1.5	6.1
District Totals	3,387	410.6	198.5	1,230	418	497	573	669	8,757	131.0	29.1	77.3	10.2	4.0	3.9	4.6
District 4																
Duplin	589	258.0	94.4	277	127	79	42	64	2,120	73.3	28.5	79.4	12.2	5.9	1.4	1.1
Jones	78	348.4	148.5	26	14	13	13	12	344	95.7	17.0	85.2	3.2	4.1	2.3	5.2
Onslow	1,399	205.8	122.0	585	291	285	176	62	3,721	144.7	35.7	73.2	7.1	9.2	5.1	5.4
Sampson	521	121.0	38.9	369	55	46	37	14	3,039	53.7	23.9	86.3	9.0	2.0	1.7	1.0
District Totals	2,587	204.9	95.3	1,257	487	423	268	152	9,224	96.5	27.6	79.4	8.8	5.9	3.0	2.9
District 5																
New Hanover	2,347	410.9	261.4	705	328	297	426	591	6,020	70.0	23.5	83.2	10.4	3.3	1.4	1.7
Pender	228	307.7	158.5	87	38	44	32	27	755	73.4	27.2	79.1	9.9	7.9	2.6	.5
District Totals	2,575	401.8	243.4	792	366	341	458	618	6,775	70.4	23.7	82.7	10.4	3.8	1.5	1.6
District 6																
Bertie	404	344.1	171.5	149	57	71	68	59	1,030	51.6	19.4	85.0	11.0	2.1	.8	1.1
Halifax	949	385.6	241.7	314	92	164	229	150	2,333	58.9	27.4	90.3	4.8	2.3	1.5	1.1
Hertford	414	184.4	79.5	216	62	78	35	23	1,073	75.8	31.2	81.5	5.9	10.5	1.3	.8
Northampton	248	268.1	93.5	118	26	46	25	33	1,044	76.2	24.3	83.8	7.8	3.8	2.2	2.4
District Totals	2,015	321.5	168.6	797	237	359	357	265	5,480	64.2	27.3	86.3	6.8	4.2	1.4	1.3

Ages of Civil Cases in the District Courts

Ages of Cases Pending 6/30/79 and Ages of Cases Disposed During Fiscal Year 1978-79

	Total Pending	Mean Age	Median Age	Ages of Pending Cases (Days) 0-90	91-180	181-365	366-730	>730	Total Disposed	Mean Age	Median Age	Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days) % 0-90	% 91-180	% 181-365	% 366-730	% >730
District 7																
Edgecombe	796	397.7	198.5	300	92	113	116	175	4,093	33.1	20.9	94.8	2.8	1.3	.9	.2
Nash	964	453.6	283.5	292	109	135	191	237	3,224	36.4	16.6	93.3	3.4	2.3	.9	.1
Wilson	887	209.7	96.1	430	155	161	91	50	3,802	48.9	12.4	87.7	6.3	2.3	3.3	.4
District Totals	2,647	355.0	163.0	1,022	356	409	398	462	11,119	39.4	17.5	91.9	4.2	1.9	1.8	.2
District 8																
Greene	111	309.9	99.0	53	22	9	11	16	534	50.1	19.8	86.6	7.9	3.4	1.7	.4
Lenoir	1,398	443.2	222.5	434	233	145	210	376	4,080	51.1	20.9	86.1	10.1	1.9	.9	1.0
Wayne	2,358	440.5	288.5	661	293	337	507	560	4,808	86.3	17.7	86.2	6.4	2.5	1.8	3.1
District Totals	3,867	437.7	266.8	1,148	548	491	728	952	9,422	69.0	20.6	86.2	8.1	2.3	1.4	2.0
District 9																
Franklin	416	444.9	262.5	121	45	91	73	86	1,204	174.8	25.0	81.3	4.7	3.4	2.6	8.0
Granville	332	106.0	25.7	228	35	48	14	7	1,551	68.7	15.7	89.8	3.7	2.2	1.7	2.6
Person	677	507.5	261.2	182	102	114	160	119	1,322	53.8	16.0	90.7	2.3	4.2	1.7	1.1
Vance	454	222.1	74.5	239	61	57	72	25	2,356	149.8	23.7	83.9	2.9	.9	3.4	8.9
Warren	432	429.7	276.5	95	65	110	82	80	755	245.0	28.4	71.1	7.3	5.7	5.7	10.2
District Totals	2,311	368.0	173.0	865	308	420	401	317	7,188	128.8	20.5	84.6	3.7	2.7	2.9	6.1
District 10																
Wake	7,125	643.5	340.8	1,876	790	1,010	1,439	2,010	13,698	54.2	27.1	86.0	8.8	3.2	1.5	.5
District 11																
Harnett	1,103	450.2	313.2	287	91	211	287	227	2,230	130.4	31.0	73.6	13.9	3.0	3.6	5.9
Johnston	1,424	383.8	242.0	421	136	306	338	223	3,081	105.6	26.3	79.4	9.7	3.9	2.4	4.6
Lee	660	371.1	274.5	219	54	108	172	107	1,714	67.5	18.6	83.3	9.2	2.9	2.6	2.0
District Totals	3,187	404.2	276.7	927	281	625	797	557	7,025	104.2	25.4	78.5	10.9	3.4	2.8	4.4
District 12																
Cumberland	3,349	190.9	94.4	1,632	511	539	566	101	11,615	80.6	28.7	74.2	16.3	3.7	5.1	.7
Hoke	211	305.7	155.0	78	49	25	24	35	802	56.1	25.4	90.9	4.9	2.1	1.1	1.0
District Totals	3,560	197.7	96.3	1,710	560	564	590	136	12,417	79.0	28.3	75.2	15.6	3.6	4.8	.8
District 13																
Bladen	482	232.9	115.0	226	62	85	68	41	1,373	83.8	34.3	72.0	15.2	8.9	3.4	.5
Brunswick	823	423.3	392.7	216	52	100	318	137	357	239.0	83.7	51.8	12.9	11.2	17.4	6.7
Columbus	931	319.1	197.0	323	131	154	209	114	2,800	121.7	31.4	74.8	13.0	2.4	5.0	4.8
District Totals	2,236	338.9	238.9	765	245	339	595	292	4,530	119.4	34.1	72.0	13.7	5.1	5.5	3.7

Ages of Civil Cases in the District Courts

Ages of Cases Pending 6/30/79 and Ages of Cases Disposed During Fiscal Year 1978-79

				Ages of Pending Cases (Days)								Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)				
	Total Pending	Mean Age	Median Age	0-90	91-180	181-365	366-730	>730	Total Disposed	Mean Age	Median Age	% 0-90	% 91-180	% 181-365	% 366-730	% >730
District 14																
Durham	4,678	701.8	388.8	1,115	409	741	1,165	1,248	14,795	124.0	14.1	87.3	5.2	1.6	1.2	4.7
District 15A																
Alamance	610	147.8	68.0	352	115	83	39	21	3,157	61.3	25.8	84.6	10.5	2.8	.7	1.4
District 15B																
Chatham	270	290.1	95.1	131	24	34	48	33	1,370	65.9	25.7	87.5	5.3	3.4	2.6	1.2
Orange	856	307.4	202.8	249	143	170	205	89	1,853	133.3	27.2	72.7	4.6	10.3	8.8	3.6
District Totals	1,126	303.3	191.1	380	167	204	253	122	3,223	104.6	26.7	79.0	4.9	7.4	6.2	2.5
District 16																
Robeson	1,678	312.5	137.2	694	288	212	296	188	5,760	106.0	20.8	80.1	6.1	4.7	3.9	5.2
Scotland	486	579.2	338.0	161	46	40	62	177	1,406	41.9	23.0	90.2	6.8	2.0	.9	.1
District Totals	2,164	372.4	148.6	855	334	252	358	365	7,166	93.5	21.4	82.0	6.3	4.2	3.3	4.2
District 17																
Caswell	157	129.6	54.0	98	22	16	19	2	620	130.5	17.2	78.1	8.7	4.0	3.5	5.7
Rockingham	584	150.6	57.0	356	79	73	53	18	2,970	85.3	22.6	81.5	8.1	4.0	4.1	2.3
Stokes	138	223.4	127.2	51	34	27	16	10	821	82.3	28.2	83.5	7.6	2.7	4.3	1.9
Surry	784	223.9	149.7	290	160	184	118	32	3,265	96.0	30.7	80.1	9.9	4.7	2.8	2.5
District Totals	1,663	189.3	96.4	795	295	305	206	62	7,676	93.2	27.5	80.7	8.9	4.2	3.6	2.6
District 18																
Guilford	5,053	266.9	120.0	2,194	884	886	668	421	21,309	97.5	19.4	79.0	7.1	4.8	7.3	1.8
District 19A																
Cabarrus	1,153	258.8	154.6	468	189	185	227	84	2,672	75.9	23.3	78.4	10.0	8.0	2.7	.9
Rowan	754	185.3	74.0	395	90	136	96	37	3,281	49.6	22.9	88.9	5.0	4.7	1.2	.2
District Totals	1,907	229.7	120.6	863	279	321	323	121	5,953	61.4	23.0	84.3	7.2	6.1	1.9	.5
District 19B																
Montgomery	468	372.0	101.5	227	47	30	52	112	980	97.6	41.5	88.1	6.3	1.5	1.2	2.9
Randolph	430	177.3	81.0	226	79	63	43	19	2,055	78.4	25.5	79.0	10.9	4.6	4.2	1.3
District Totals	898	278.8	88.0	453	126	93	95	131	3,035	84.6	34.2	81.9	9.4	3.6	3.2	1.9

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	Total Pending	Mean Age	Median Age	0-90	91-180	181-365	366-730	> 730	Total Disposed	Mean Age	Median Age	% 0-90	% 91-180	% 181-365	% 366-730	% > 730
District 20																
Anson	203	499.0	225.2	61	23	41	41	37	1,010	179.8	20.2	73.7	8.1	4.6	5.2	8.4
Moore	577	285.1	137.0	238	71	92	120	56	2,048	92.0	25.8	82.0	8.7	3.4	2.4	3.5
Richmond	1,735	506.9	488.0	282	105	327	687	334	2,808	165.3	27.8	72.8	4.4	7.8	10.7	4.3
Stanly	557	381.8	175.7	209	74	74	107	93	1,900	87.7	19.8	85.2	5.7	5.2	1.2	2.7
Union	562	231.4	124.5	248	83	115	83	33	1,907	81.4	23.1	82.2	8.0	3.7	4.1	2.0
District Totals	3,634	409.5	304.7	1,038	356	649	1,038	553	9,673	119.5	25.0	79.1	6.7	5.2	5.2	3.8
District 21																
Forsyth	2,596	152.0	80.9	1,360	526	419	224	67	12,348	73.1	25.6	84.4	5.2	5.0	4.0	1.4
District 22																
Alexander	162	247.8	176.7	59	27	45	16	15	548	43.8	28.5	92.5	5.1	2.0	.2	.2
Davidson	889	251.7	123.8	365	154	105	198	67	3,027	64.0	22.7	80.1	11.6	5.8	2.1	.4
Davie	156	164.0	78.0	86	23	24	18	5	496	82.2	34.5	81.3	10.5	2.4	4.2	1.6
Iredell	809	164.8	120.6	345	207	149	98	10	3,318	58.9	28.0	86.4	6.4	4.3	2.7	.2
District Totals	2,016	209.7	120.8	855	411	323	330	97	7,389	61.4	27.3	83.9	8.7	4.7	2.4	.3
District 23																
Alleghany	99	133.1	81.3	53	25	13	7	1	275	97.8	34.2	71.0	14.5	8.0	4.0	2.5
Ashe	87	180.2	93.2	42	20	12	9	4	570	97.0	20.8	78.2	6.3	6.0	7.9	1.6
Wilkes	986	178.7	94.8	480	134	187	183	2	2,145	79.4	47.4	77.8	13.2	6.4	2.2	.4
Yadkin	302	141.5	29.5	227	31	12	15	17	1,598	47.0	27.9	86.7	9.8	2.4	.8	.3
District Totals	1,474	168.1	71.1	802	210	224	214	24	4,588	71.4	36.1	80.6	11.2	5.1	2.5	.6
District 24																
Avery	101	242.9	103.0	42	22	19	6	12	560	70.8	27.9	81.4	10.0	4.3	3.6	.7
Madison	82	214.4	176.5	36	5	25	11	5	236	76.3	29.5	77.1	10.6	8.9	3.0	.4
Mitchell	68	147.3	73.5	35	12	14	6	1	341	62.8	31.4	85.3	8.8	3.8	1.5	.6
Watauga	265	170.2	88.3	133	57	37	25	13	787	105.6	53.2	64.5	19.7	11.3	3.2	1.3
Yancey	89	139.9	81.0	46	21	15	4	3	366	79.6	23.5	77.5	10.7	5.5	6.3	0.0
District Totals	605	181.3	94.5	292	117	110	52	34	2,290	83.6	33.5	75.1	13.3	7.3	3.5	.8
District 25																
Burke	655	265.1	94.0	323	102	66	82	82	2,282	71.1	32.8	83.5	6.5	6.1	3.4	.5
Caldwell	656	265.9	81.9	343	102	69	58	84	2,192	79.8	28.0	84.9	5.7	5.4	2.3	1.7
Catawba	1,248	238.5	117.5	531	197	241	186	93	3,603	69.4	27.5	82.7	6.7	7.5	2.6	.5
District Totals	2,559	252.3	102.5	1,197	401	376	326	259	8,077	72.7	29.0	83.6	6.4	6.5	2.7	.8
District 26																
Mecklenburg	14,445	487.4	354.1	3,794	1,605	1,911	3,083	4,052	29,897	167.6	26.6	74.2	5.9	4.2	5.1	10.6

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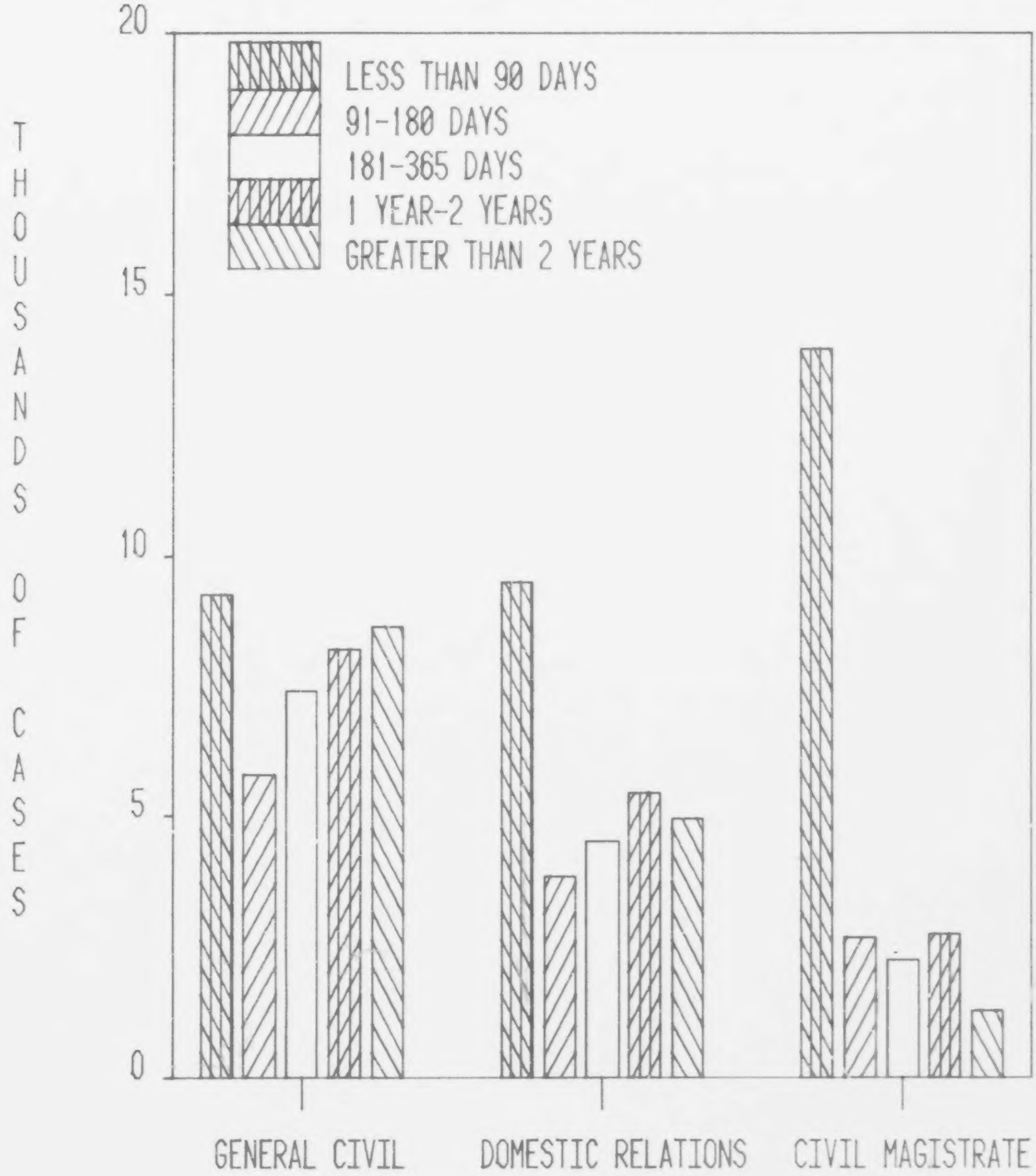
District 27A																
Gaston	1,960	367.2	228.0	616	219	410	423	292	5,511	124.2	22.1	80.5	6.6	1.9	5.7	5.3
District 27B																
Cleveland	657	167.5	94.9	321	115	135	73	13	2,810	54.9	21.7	84.4	8.5	4.6	2.4	.1
Lincoln	228	149.3	93.5	113	45	45	23	2	1,159	54.4	27.7	86.7	7.5	4.0	1.4	.4
District Totals	885	162.8	94.7	434	160	180	96	15	3,969	54.7	22.9	85.2	8.2	4.4	2.1	.1
District 28																
Buncombe	2,255	227.5	152.4	815	516	487	321	116	5,498	89.9	34.2	74.8	8.7	9.9	6.3	.3
District 29																
Henderson	464	227.0	162.5	151	90	118	98	7	1,144	94.8	26.0	74.0	9.6	9.6	5.6	1.2
McDowell	389	685.9	306.0	111	53	50	68	107	757	94.8	34.2	76.9	11.0	6.3	3.8	2.0
Polk	73	100.4	73.0	41	19	12	0	1	262	169.9	42.1	66.4	12.2	4.6	8.4	8.4
Rutherford	311	186.0	109.7	139	51	70	40	11	1,251	44.7	20.3	92.0	3.5	2.6	1.5	.4
Transylvania	339	355.4	151.2	121	65	43	51	59	868	162.3	39.7	66.6	6.3	9.9	13.4	3.8
District Totals	1,576	353.9	161.9	563	278	293	257	185	4,282	98.5	27.5	77.8	7.6	6.7	5.8	2.1
District 30																
Cherokee	265	187.0	162.9	74	92	63	31	5	285	96.7	42.8	72.6	10.2	10.9	6.3	0.0
Clay	38	63.8	36.5	28	5	5	0	0	151	91.5	28.0	78.1	6.0	11.3	1.3	3.3
Graham	53	175.4	103.0	26	6	10	11	0	112	87.9	22.5	74.2	9.8	7.1	8.9	0.0
Haywood	474	175.7	73.7	250	65	79	68	12	1,563	77.0	28.2	83.6	3.8	7.4	4.6	.6
Jackson	214	202.2	120.5	95	39	50	23	7	627	134.7	38.8	67.5	8.0	12.1	10.8	1.6
Macon	228	583.2	206.8	82	27	41	26	52	401	73.7	26.9	79.8	8.2	8.0	3.5	.5
Swain	98	212.2	110.5	44	20	19	11	4	268	69.4	28.6	80.6	10.1	6.0	2.2	1.1
District Totals	1,370	249.3	121.8	599	254	267	170	80	3,407	89.3	29.9	78.4	6.4	8.7	5.6	.9
STATE TOTALS	90,754	379.4	184.1	32,652	12,485	14,268	16,459	14,890	267,879	97.1	24.0	81.0	7.8	4.3	3.7	3.2

AGE BREAKDOWN OF CIVIL DISTRICT CASES
PENDING ON JUNE 30, 1979



A SUMMARY OF PENDING CIVIL DISTRICT CASES HIGHLIGHTS AGING PROBLEMS. THE GENERAL CIVIL CATEGORY HAS THE HIGHEST CONCENTRATION OF OLD CASES; 21.9% OF CASES IN THIS CATEGORY ARE OVER TWO YEARS OLD, AS COMPARED TO 17.5% FOR DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASES, AND 5.7% FOR CIVIL MAGISTRATE CASES.

OFFENSES AND CONDITIONS ALLEGED IN JUVENILE PETITIONS IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

July 1, 1978-June 30, 1979

	OFFENSES								CONDITIONS			
	Delinquent				Probation Violation	Undisciplined			Dependent	Neglected	Grand Total	Children Before Court For First Time
	Capital	Other Felony	Misdemeanor	Total		Truancy	Other	Total				
District 1												
Camden	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
Chowan	0	8	19	27	12	0	0	0	0	0	39	27
Currituck	0	15	18	33	1	2	0	2	0	2	38	19
Dare	1	8	14	23	0	0	0	0	0	1	24	24
Gates	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1
Pasquotank	0	23	39	62	7	0	0	0	5	9	83	37
Perquimans	0	8	18	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	10
District Totals	1	63	112	176	20	2	0	2	5	12	215	121
District 2												
Beaufort	0	12	24	36	9	0	4	4	14	40	103	61
Hyde	0	1	6	7	0	0	2	2	1	2	12	11
Martin	0	29	15	44	5	0	2	2	3	5	59	30
Tyrrell	0	2	4	6	0	1	0	1	0	3	10	10
Washington	0	12	18	30	0	2	0	2	0	4	36	17
District Totals	0	56	67	123	14	3	8	11	18	54	220	129
District 3												
Carteret	0	3	51	54	7	5	4	9	10	16	96	90
Craven	0	55	70	125	23	7	15	22	17	16	203	102
Pamlico	0	0	6	6	1	1	0	1	1	5	14	13
Pitt	0	73	56	129	10	2	8	10	38	12	199	140
District Totals	0	131	183	314	41	15	27	42	66	49	512	345
District 4												
Duplin	1	4	49	54	0	0	3	3	5	6	68	68
Jones	0	9	10	19	0	4	1	5	2	4	30	30
Onslow	0	104	102	206	0	1	7	8	16	30	260	151
Sampson	0	1	68	69	0	0	6	6	13	9	97	81
District Totals	1	118	229	348	0	5	17	22	36	49	455	330
District 5												
New Hanover	0	214	227	441	65	9	23	32	46	98	682	304
Pender	0	24	26	50	5	0	1	1	9	16	81	42
District Totals	0	238	253	491	70	9	24	33	55	114	763	346
District 6												
Bertie	0	27	9	36	0	0	0	0	1	5	42	42
Halifax	0	56	56	112	1	0	22	22	19	15	169	119
Hertford	0	10	26	36	12	0	4	4	3	10	65	39
Northampton	0	14	14	28	1	0	4	4	9	2	44	28
District Totals	0	107	105	212	14	0	30	30	32	32	320	228
District 7												
Edgecombe	0	85	125	210	38	11	30	41	48	50	387	169
Nash	0	72	128	200	27	1	20	21	28	48	324	173
Wilson	0	105	23	128	2	11	4	15	25	13	183	87
District Totals	0	262	276	538	67	23	54	77	101	111	894	429
District 8												
Greene	0	2	14	16	0	1	4	5	7	7	35	19
Lenoir	0	39	163	202	20	2	22	24	9	56	311	163
Wayne	0	33	31	64	12	4	24	28	22	50	176	109
District Totals	0	74	208	282	32	7	50	57	38	113	522	291
District 9												
Franklin	0	13	27	40	5	0	6	6	12	10	73	52
Granville	0	38	23	61	3	0	12	12	3	15	94	35
Person	0	25	3	28	0	1	1	2	1	8	39	38
Vance	0	3	68	71	2	6	20	26	5	8	112	76
Warren	0	2	5	7	0	2	3	5	0	5	17	17
District Totals	0	81	126	207	10	9	42	51	21	46	335	218
District 10												
Wake	1	104	275	380	66	0	117	117	51	42	656	358

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	OFFENSES								CONDITIONS			
	Delinquent				Probation Violation	Undisciplined			Dependent	Neglected •	Grand Total	Children Before Court For First Time
	Capital	Other Felony	Misde-meanor	Total		Truancy	Other	Total				
District 11												
Harnett	1	18	49	68	15	8	22	30	25	30	168	94
Johnston	0	26	47	73	22	0	10	10	47	29	181	118
Lee	0	29	137	166	16	12	3	15	52	15	264	118
District Totals	1	73	233	307	53	20	35	55	124	74	613	330
District 12												
Cumberland	0	131	252	383	0	30	145	175	404	158	1,120	1,029
Hoke	0	4	23	27	2	0	3	3	10	8	50	46
District Totals	0	135	275	410	2	30	148	178	414	166	1,170	1,075
District 13												
Bladen	0	1	21	22	0	2	7	9	0	12	43	39
Brunswick	1	8	30	39	5	19	17	36	14	46	140	121
Columbus	0	31	91	122	19	7	30	37	25	61	264	130
District Totals	1	40	142	183	24	28	54	82	39	119	447	290
District 14												
Durham	0	100	121	221	107	7	91	98	136	46	608	239
District 15A												
Alamance	0	16	30	46	0	14	26	40	29	27	142	136
District 15B												
Chatham	0	0	25	25	0	1	4	5	9	8	47	31
Orange	2	35	32	69	4	11	14	25	19	25	142	118
District Totals	2	35	57	94	4	12	18	30	28	33	189	149
District 16												
Robeson	0	161	236	397	12	28	85	113	71	68	661	301
Scotland	1	28	56	85	6	8	29	37	16	18	162	115
District Totals	1	189	292	482	18	36	114	150	87	86	823	416
District 17												
Caswell	0	4	5	9	0	0	8	8	5	12	34	33
Rockingham	2	67	143	212	9	18	29	47	12	42	322	130
Stokes	0	12	21	33	5	5	8	13	7	2	60	29
Surry	0	45	43	88	0	18	22	40	7	38	173	106
District Totals	2	128	212	342	14	41	67	108	31	94	589	298
District 18												
Guilford	0	207	527	734	136	97	218	315	196	141	1,522	671
District 19A												
Cabarrus	2	19	90	111	30	1	16	17	18	27	203	95
Rowan	0	33	147	180	21	29	7	36	84	94	415	200
District Totals	2	52	237	291	51	30	23	53	102	121	618	295
District 19B												
Montgomery	0	4	24	28	4	1	6	7	2	0	41	34
Randolph	1	17	35	53	34	6	44	50	17	29	183	155
District Totals	1	21	59	81	38	7	50	57	19	29	224	189
District 20												
Anson	0	34	52	86	2	0	0	0	0	9	97	27
Moore	0	85	75	160	10	0	11	11	5	41	227	64
Richmond	1	34	72	107	3	0	7	7	38	20	175	97
Stanly	0	3	364	367	13	0	7	7	18	11	416	85
Union	0	33	185	218	41	2	19	21	20	58	358	128
District Totals	1	189	748	938	69	2	44	46	81	139	1,273	401

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	Delinquent				Probation Violation	Undisciplined			Dependent	Neglected	Grand Total	Children Before Court For First Time
	Capital	Other Felony	Misdemeanor	Total		Truancy	Other	Total				
District 21												
Forsyth	0	200	287	487	76	21	154	175	53	74	865	451
District 22												
Alexander	0	16	16	32	0	0	6	6	5	7	50	38
Davidson	4	55	92	151	29	2	79	81	129	108	498	229
Davie	0	11	19	30	0	1	21	22	1	18	71	31
Iredell	0	5	152	157	4	5	58	63	25	37	286	169
District Totals	4	87	279	370	33	8	164	172	160	170	905	467
District 23												
Alleghany	0	7	0	7	0	1	2	3	0	5	15	13
Ashe	0	5	2	7	6	3	3	6	4	16	39	22
Wilkes	0	20	50	70	91	3	11	14	47	104	326	116
Yadkin	0	3	38	41	22	3	5	8	35	63	169	62
District Totals	0	35	90	125	119	10	21	31	86	188	549	213
District 24												
Avery	0	20	5	25	6	9	10	19	4	19	73	25
Madison	2	0	3	5	0	5	0	5	2	2	14	15
Mitchell	0	0	6	6	0	0	2	2	1	1	10	5
Watauga	0	6	15	21	0	2	10	12	28	6	67	60
Yancey	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	2	1	3	7	6
District Totals	2	26	30	58	6	16	24	40	36	31	171	111
District 25												
Burke	0	40	62	102	41	32	82	114	38	46	341	150
Caldwell	0	70	98	168	28	21	61	82	31	23	332	144
Catawba	0	97	70	167	23	11	52	63	20	28	301	170
District Totals	0	207	230	437	92	64	195	259	89	97	974	464
District 26												
Mecklenburg	1	765	673	1,439	43	6	142	148	84	97	1,811	678
District 27A												
Gaston	3	156	406	565	0	45	155	200	44	9	818	410
District 27B												
Cleveland	0	8	242	250	10	20	24	44	13	33	350	150
Lincoln	0	23	54	77	4	2	9	11	9	13	114	64
District Totals	0	31	296	327	14	22	33	55	22	46	464	214
District 28												
Buncombe	2	112	208	322	13	38	330	368	37	40	780	358
District 29												
Henderson	0	43	56	99	36	18	33	51	13	35	234	101
McDowell	0	8	32	40	4	19	14	33	6	24	107	78
Polk	0	4	5	9	0	1	4	5	0	1	15	14
Rutherford	0	18	50	68	18	1	8	9	19	19	133	37
Transylvania	0	4	13	17	4	7	4	11	24	11	67	41
District Totals	0	77	156	233	62	46	63	109	62	90	556	321
District 30												
Cherokee	0	3	1	4	0	0	5	5	4	4	17	17
Clay	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	3
Graham	0	0	7	7	0	0	1	1	0	0	8	8
Haywood	0	15	19	34	0	4	35	39	3	13	89	89
Jackson	0	8	10	18	0	1	21	22	0	6	46	46
Macon	0	0	8	8	0	1	2	3	2	3	16	16
Swain	0	0	2	2	0	0	18	18	1	4	25	25
District Totals	0	28	47	75	0	6	82	88	11	30	204	204
STATE TOTALS	26	4,143	7,469	11,638	1,308	679	2,620	3,299	2,393	2,569	21,207	11,175

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District 1	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	
Camden	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Chowan	36	0	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36
Currituck	31	5	36	1	1	2	0	0	0	4	0	4	42
Dare	6	21	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	28
Gates	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Pasquotank	53	12	65	0	0	0	5	1	6	6	1	7	78
Perquimans	13	8	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21
District Totals	141	49	190	1	1	2	5	1	6	11	1	12	210
District 2													
Beaufort	38	32	70	2	9	11	13	4	17	28	16	44	142
Hyde	3	3	6	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	4	4	12
Martin	37	19	56	0	2	2	0	6	6	5	1	6	70
Tyrrell	4	2	6	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	1	3	10
Washington	20	8	28	1	1	2	0	0	0	2	2	4	34
District Totals	102	64	166	3	14	17	13	11	24	37	24	61	268
District 3													
Carteret	44	16	60	4	3	7	7	0	7	11	2	13	87
Craven	103	77	180	18	15	33	14	8	22	47	8	55	290
Pamlico	11	14	25	0	2	2	1	0	1	1	1	2	30
Pitt	150	49	199	22	16	38	35	17	52	29	10	39	328
District Totals	308	156	464	44	36	80	57	25	82	88	21	109	735
District 4													
Duplin	0	6	6	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	9
Jones	4	15	19	4	1	5	1	1	2	0	4	4	30
Unslow	153	40	193	4	1	5	10	0	10	40	1	41	249
Sampson	71	27	98	0	2	2	24	4	28	17	17	34	162
District Totals	228	88	316	8	5	13	35	6	41	57	23	80	450
District 5													
New Hanover	489	17	506	31	1	32	46	0	46	97	1	98	682
Pender	50	5	55	1	0	1	8	1	9	16	0	16	81
District Totals	539	22	561	32	1	33	54	1	55	113	1	114	763
District 6													
Bertie	30	6	36	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	3	5	42
Halifax	70	53	123	2	22	24	21	15	36	12	6	18	201
Hertford	20	69	89	1	4	5	1	3	4	5	13	18	116
Northampton	11	7	18	0	11	11	7	2	9	2	2	4	42
District Totals	131	135	266	3	37	40	29	21	50	21	24	45	401
District 7													
Edgecombe	189	52	241	24	17	41	30	4	34	51	8	59	375
Nash	188	29	217	16	6	22	34	4	38	38	5	43	320
Wilson	115	18	133	17	0	17	20	1	21	28	0	28	199
District Totals	492	99	591	57	23	80	94	9	93	117	13	130	894
District 8													
Greene	21	9	30	2	4	6	2	0	2	8	4	12	50
Lenoir	113	61	174	8	10	18	4	3	7	20	23	43	242
Wayne	169	63	232	20	27	47	70	24	94	118	38	156	529
District Totals	303	133	436	30	41	71	76	27	103	146	65	211	821
District 9													
Franklin	21	6	27	5	3	8	2	4	6	8	2	10	51
Granville	22	5	27	5	8	13	5	1	6	3	1	4	50
Person	33	8	41	2	4	6	0	0	0	9	3	12	59
Vance	58	15	73	11	15	26	4	2	6	6	1	7	112
Warren	1	7	8	5	4	9	0	0	0	9	2	11	28
District Totals	135	41	176	28	34	62	11	7	18	35	9	44	300
District 10													
Wake	413	41	454	47	16	63	47	3	50	44	7	51	618

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District 11													
Harnett	145	91	236	32	34	66	25	19	44	119	34	153	499
Johnston	61	118	179	7	35	42	46	79	125	30	42	72	418
Lee	88	25	113	26	13	39	129	14	143	34	4	38	333
District Totals	294	234	528	65	82	147	200	112	312	183	80	263	1,250
District 12													
Cumberland	325	89	414	114	40	154	322	13	335	102	6	108	1,011
Hoke	21	4	25	0	2	2	9	0	9	6	1	7	43
District Totals	346	93	439	114	42	156	331	13	344	108	7	115	1,054
District 13													
Bladen	22	17	39	10	7	17	1	0	1	21	6	27	84
Brunswick	8	11	19	7	4	11	3	3	6	2	25	27	63
Columbus	118	17	135	10	13	23	13	5	18	30	15	45	221
District Totals	148	45	193	27	24	51	17	8	25	53	46	99	368
District 14													
Durham	165	121	286	40	47	87	116	2	118	29	5	34	525
District 15A													
Alamance	65	12	77	37	2	39	22	4	26	33	4	37	179
District 15B													
Chatham	32	11	43	5	8	13	5	5	10	5	2	7	73
Orange	97	41	138	23	10	33	31	9	40	24	14	38	249
District Totals	129	52	181	28	18	46	36	14	50	29	16	45	322
District 16													
Robeson	293	41	334	54	1	55	49	7	56	46	11	57	502
Scotland	90	8	98	29	9	38	30	2	32	22	1	23	191
District Totals	383	49	432	83	10	93	79	9	88	68	12	80	693
District 17													
Caswell	4	7	11	10	14	24	3	3	6	7	18	25	66
Rockingham	145	59	204	33	15	48	10	2	12	41	23	64	328
Stokes	23	7	30	13	3	16	5	4	9	1	3	4	59
Surry	59	31	90	23	11	34	10	2	12	21	13	34	170
District Totals	231	104	335	79	43	122	28	11	39	70	57	127	623
District 18													
Guilford	578	306	884	148	203	351	163	35	198	90	66	156	1,589
District 19A													
Cabarrus	104	9	113	16	3	19	19	2	21	25	3	28	181
Rowan	133	55	188	49	30	79	117	52	169	193	41	234	670
District Totals	237	64	301	65	33	98	136	54	190	218	44	262	851
District 19B													
Montgomery	72	11	83	15	6	21	0	2	2	2	2	4	110
Randolph	69	11	80	47	25	72	13	8	21	12	14	26	199
District Totals	141	22	163	62	31	93	13	10	23	14	16	30	309
District 20													
Anson	56	11	67	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	2	7	74
Moore	136	6	142	2	6	8	9	1	10	4	2	6	166
Richmond	100	68	168	5	18	23	35	5	40	39	2	41	272
Stanly	375	14	389	2	5	7	15	1	16	16	1	17	429
Union	179	79	258	16	11	27	27	22	49	146	41	187	521
District Totals	846	178	1,024	25	40	65	86	29	115	210	48	258	1,462

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District 21													
Forsyth	266	91	357	85	76	161	47	4	51	45	13	58	627
District 22													
Alexander	13	15	28	3	2	5	3	0	3	6	2	8	44
Davidson	283	79	362	69	51	120	218	66	284	263	36	299	1,065
Davie	34	27	61	18	15	33	1	0	1	39	8	47	142
Iredell	107	24	131	23	11	34	8	4	12	46	5	51	228
District Totals	437	145	582	113	79	192	230	70	300	354	51	405	1,479
District 23													
Alleghany	7	0	7	2	1	3	0	0	0	5	0	5	15
Ashe	4	13	17	6	7	13	4	1	5	4	0	4	39
Wilkes	172	11	183	17	1	18	32	0	32	106	10	116	349
Yadkin	50	13	63	8	0	8	26	9	35	51	12	63	169
District Totals	233	37	270	33	9	42	62	10	72	166	22	188	572
District 24													
Avery	14	13	27	6	3	9	4	0	4	41	4	45	85
Madison	16	4	20	11	4	15	5	6	11	7	2	9	55
Mitchell	11	69	80	4	27	31	15	7	22	15	15	30	163
Watauga	4	1	5	3	4	7	6	2	8	0	0	0	20
Yancey	49	8	57	25	5	30	31	1	32	27	2	29	148
District Totals	94	95	189	49	43	92	61	16	77	90	23	113	471
District 25													
Burke	146	34	180	119	50	169	74	37	111	174	16	190	650
Caldwell	208	93	301	104	51	155	54	19	73	29	15	44	573
Catawba	225	38	263	39	20	59	16	4	20	27	5	32	374
District Totals	579	165	744	262	121	383	144	60	204	230	36	266	1,597
District 26													
Mecklenburg	712	364	1,076	49	51	100	102	25	127	48	14	62	1,365
District 27A													
Gaston	264	111	375	105	37	142	55	7	62	10	3	13	592
District 27B													
Cleveland	159	68	227	29	10	39	13	0	13	31	3	34	313
Lincoln	53	16	69	6	4	10	6	1	7	11	1	12	98
District Totals	212	84	296	35	14	49	19	1	20	42	4	46	411
District 28													
Buncombe	68	140	208	78	210	288	4	15	19	3	14	17	532
District 29													
Henderson	115	21	136	35	15	50	11	1	12	26	4	30	228
McDowell	38	2	40	30	4	34	1	0	1	21	0	21	96
Polk	5	7	12	6	0	6	0	0	0	15	0	15	33
Rutherford	59	17	76	11	2	13	36	1	37	22	0	22	148
Transylvania	11	8	19	8	2	10	13	4	17	2	2	4	50
District Totals	228	55	283	90	23	113	61	6	67	86	6	92	555
District 30													
Cherokee	1	3	4	1	4	5	3	1	4	3	0	3	16
Clay	0	2	2	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	4
Graham	1	6	7	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
Haywood	7	21	28	3	30	33	0	1	1	1	3	4	66
Jackson	2	15	17	1	13	14	0	0	0	2	3	5	36
Macon	1	5	6	1	2	3	0	1	1	2	1	3	13
Swain	2	0	2	8	10	18	1	0	1	0	4	4	25
District Totals	14	52	66	14	61	75	4	4	8	8	11	19	168
STATE TOTALS	9,462	3,447	12,909	1,939	1,507	3,446	2,427	630	3,057	2,856	786	3,642	23,054

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	Motor Vehicle Cases						Non-Motor Vehicle Cases					
	Pending 7/1/78	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Disposed to Caseload	Pending 6/30/79	Pending 7/1/78	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Disposed to Caseload	Pending 6/30/79
District 1												
Camden	123	739	862	789	91.5	73	16	167	183	174	95.0	9
Chowan	88	1,590	1,678	1,556	92.7	122	31	634	665	604	90.8	61
Currituck	386	2,289	2,675	2,449	91.5	226	143	463	606	546	90.0	60
Dare	318	3,739	4,057	3,496	86.1	561	96	842	938	705	75.1	233
Gates	193	1,949	2,142	1,910	89.1	232	30	315	345	338	97.9	7
Pasquotank	262	3,388	3,650	3,421	93.7	229	99	1,487	1,586	1,480	93.3	106
Perquimans	109	1,257	1,366	1,246	91.2	120	31	318	349	288	82.5	61
District Totals	1,479	14,951	16,430	14,867	90.4	1,563	446	4,226	4,672	4,135	88.5	537
District 2												
Beaufort	411	6,904	7,315	6,840	93.5	475	120	2,468	2,588	2,430	93.8	158
Hyde	45	434	479	457	95.4	22	10	362	372	345	92.7	27
Martin	348	3,461	3,809	3,590	94.2	219	120	1,580	1,700	1,595	93.8	105
Tyrrell	24	467	491	460	93.6	31	8	197	205	181	88.2	24
Washington	68	1,432	1,500	1,449	96.6	51	29	696	725	702	96.8	23
District Totals	896	12,698	13,594	12,796	94.1	798	287	5,303	5,590	5,253	93.9	337
District 3												
Carteret	990	6,292	7,282	6,122	84.0	1,160	666	3,374	4,040	3,106	76.8	934
Craven	960	12,962	13,922	12,728	91.4	1,194	339	4,256	4,595	4,164	90.6	431
Pamlico	89	1,065	1,154	1,101	95.4	53	32	439	471	460	97.6	11
Pitt	1,291	11,317	12,608	11,375	90.2	1,233	964	7,092	8,056	6,880	85.4	1,176
District Totals	3,330	31,636	34,966	31,326	89.5	3,640	2,001	15,161	17,162	14,610	85.1	2,552
District 4												
Duplin	629	6,185	6,814	6,076	89.1	738	303	2,301	2,604	2,143	82.2	461
Jones	188	1,534	1,722	1,572	91.2	150	48	565	613	582	94.9	31
Onslow	1,821	16,813	18,634	16,482	88.4	2,152	804	7,711	8,515	7,558	88.7	957
Sampson	1,427	10,752	12,179	10,852	89.1	1,327	547	2,772	3,319	2,579	77.7	740
District Totals	4,065	35,284	39,349	34,982	88.9	4,367	1,702	13,349	15,051	12,862	85.4	2,189
District 5												
New Hanover	1,182	13,681	14,863	13,444	90.4	1,419	959	9,054	10,013	8,609	85.9	1,404
Pender	499	3,717	4,216	3,706	87.9	510	139	1,055	1,194	1,048	87.7	146
District Totals	1,681	17,398	19,079	17,150	89.8	1,929	1,098	10,109	11,207	9,657	86.1	1,550
District 6												
Bertie	324	3,699	4,023	3,690	91.7	333	84	820	904	751	83.0	153
Halifax	872	11,660	12,532	11,218	89.5	1,314	297	3,512	3,809	3,335	87.5	474
Hertford	519	4,602	5,121	4,497	87.8	624	157	1,318	1,475	1,311	88.8	164
Northampton	428	6,234	6,662	6,225	93.4	437	27	624	651	619	95.0	32
District Totals	2,143	26,195	28,338	25,630	90.4	2,708	565	6,274	6,839	6,016	87.9	823
District 7												
Edgecombe	524	5,136	5,660	5,197	91.8	463	607	4,778	5,385	4,876	90.5	509
Nash	926	8,556	9,482	8,479	89.4	1,003	484	4,863	5,347	4,767	89.1	580
Wilson	878	9,061	9,939	8,696	87.4	1,243	460	4,472	4,932	4,112	83.3	820
District Totals	2,328	22,753	25,081	22,372	89.1	2,709	1,551	14,113	15,664	13,755	87.8	1,909
District 8												
Greene	105	1,652	1,757	1,600	91.0	157	56	794	850	793	93.2	57
Lenoir	635	9,112	9,747	9,063	92.9	684	334	4,877	5,211	4,894	93.9	317
Wayne	1,345	13,681	15,026	13,599	90.5	1,427	629	6,220	6,849	6,098	89.0	751
District Totals	2,085	24,445	26,530	24,262	91.4	2,268	1,019	11,891	12,910	11,785	91.2	1,125
District 9												
Franklin	265	4,151	4,416	4,019	91.0	397	85	1,497	1,582	1,370	86.5	212
Granville	345	4,352	4,697	4,273	90.9	424	96	1,719	1,815	1,707	94.0	108
Person	359	3,393	3,752	3,381	90.1	371	159	1,669	1,828	1,625	88.8	203
Vance	359	4,605	4,964	4,452	89.6	512	262	2,540	2,802	2,550	91.0	252
Warren	270	2,556	2,826	2,340	82.8	486	195	929	1,114	885	79.4	229
District Totals	1,598	19,057	20,655	18,465	89.3	2,190	787	8,354	9,141	8,137	89.0	1,004
District 10												
Wake	5,580	47,911	53,491	46,789	87.4	6,702	3,366	24,778	28,144	23,775	84.4	4,369

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District 11												
Harnett	611	7,958	8,569	7,763	90.5	806	343	3,251	3,594	3,203	89.1	391
Johnston	1,381	13,864	15,245	13,471	88.3	1,774	433	3,375	3,808	3,188	83.7	620
Lee	328	4,126	4,454	3,968	89.0	486	338	3,905	4,243	3,913	92.2	330
District Totals	2,320	25,948	28,268	25,202	89.1	3,066	1,114	10,531	11,645	10,304	88.4	1,341
District 12												
Cumberland	4,700	38,205	42,905	38,690	90.1	4,215	2,456	22,491	24,947	22,418	89.8	2,529
Hoke	461	3,635	4,096	3,735	91.1	361	110	1,477	1,587	1,250	78.7	337
District Totals	5,161	41,840	47,001	42,425	90.2	4,576	2,566	23,968	26,534	23,668	89.1	2,866
District 13												
Bladen	915	6,795	7,710	6,831	88.5	879	304	2,379	2,683	2,413	89.9	270
Brunswick	435	4,600	5,035	4,553	90.4	482	153	1,929	2,082	1,809	86.8	273
Columbus	1,039	9,503	10,542	9,338	88.5	1,204	557	3,750	4,307	3,767	87.4	540
District Totals	2,389	20,898	23,287	20,722	88.9	2,565	1,014	8,058	9,072	7,989	88.0	1,083
District 14												
Durham	2,388	18,741	21,129	18,483	87.4	2,646	1,427	12,174	13,601	11,720	86.1	1,881
District 15A												
Alamance	1,084	11,716	12,800	11,694	91.3	1,106	403	4,702	5,105	4,616	90.4	489
District 15B												
Chatham	292	5,412	5,704	5,338	93.5	366	72	1,224	1,296	1,186	91.5	110
Orange	1,607	10,240	11,847	10,521	88.8	1,326	480	3,243	3,723	3,379	90.7	344
District Totals	1,899	15,652	17,551	15,859	90.3	1,692	552	4,467	5,019	4,565	90.9	454
District 16												
Robeson	1,650	17,532	19,182	17,405	90.7	1,777	895	8,787	9,682	8,737	90.2	945
Scotland	523	4,948	5,471	5,161	94.3	310	479	3,074	3,553	2,894	81.4	659
District Totals	2,173	22,480	24,653	22,566	91.5	2,087	1,374	11,861	13,235	11,631	87.8	1,604
District 17												
Caswell	308	2,164	2,472	2,211	89.4	261	51	769	820	697	85.0	123
Rockingham	1,163	9,601	10,764	9,607	89.2	1,157	565	5,052	5,617	5,014	89.2	603
Stokes	362	3,541	3,903	3,537	90.6	366	83	1,038	1,121	1,003	89.4	118
Surry	880	6,200	7,080	6,449	91.0	631	518	3,298	3,816	3,311	86.7	505
District Totals	2,713	21,506	24,219	21,804	90.0	2,415	1,217	10,157	11,374	10,025	88.1	1,349
District 18												
Guilford	6,167	42,710	48,877	41,995	85.9	6,882	4,644	19,461	24,105	19,618	81.3	4,487
District 19A												
Cabarrus	1,089	12,624	13,713	12,238	89.2	1,475	391	3,765	4,156	3,872	93.1	284
Rowan	975	10,889	11,864	10,857	91.5	1,007	389	4,446	4,835	4,477	92.5	358
District Totals	2,064	23,513	25,577	23,095	90.2	2,482	780	8,211	8,991	8,349	92.8	642
District 19B												
Montgomery	401	4,420	4,821	4,278	88.7	543	310	1,876	2,186	1,763	80.6	423
Randolph	845	9,086	9,931	9,025	90.8	906	287	2,865	3,152	2,913	92.4	239
District Totals	1,246	13,506	14,752	13,303	90.1	1,449	597	4,741	5,338	4,676	87.5	662
District 20												
Anson	417	4,429	4,846	4,529	93.4	317	136	1,427	1,563	1,456	93.1	107
Moore	502	6,301	6,803	6,357	93.4	446	279	3,509	3,788	3,422	90.3	366
Richmond	632	5,877	6,509	5,703	87.6	806	370	3,037	3,407	2,965	87.0	442
Stanly	746	6,644	7,390	6,659	90.1	731	431	2,184	2,615	2,033	77.7	582
Union	662	7,089	7,751	7,179	92.6	572	285	3,200	3,485	3,159	90.6	326
District Totals	2,959	30,340	33,299	30,427	91.3	2,872	1,501	13,357	14,858	13,035	87.7	1,823

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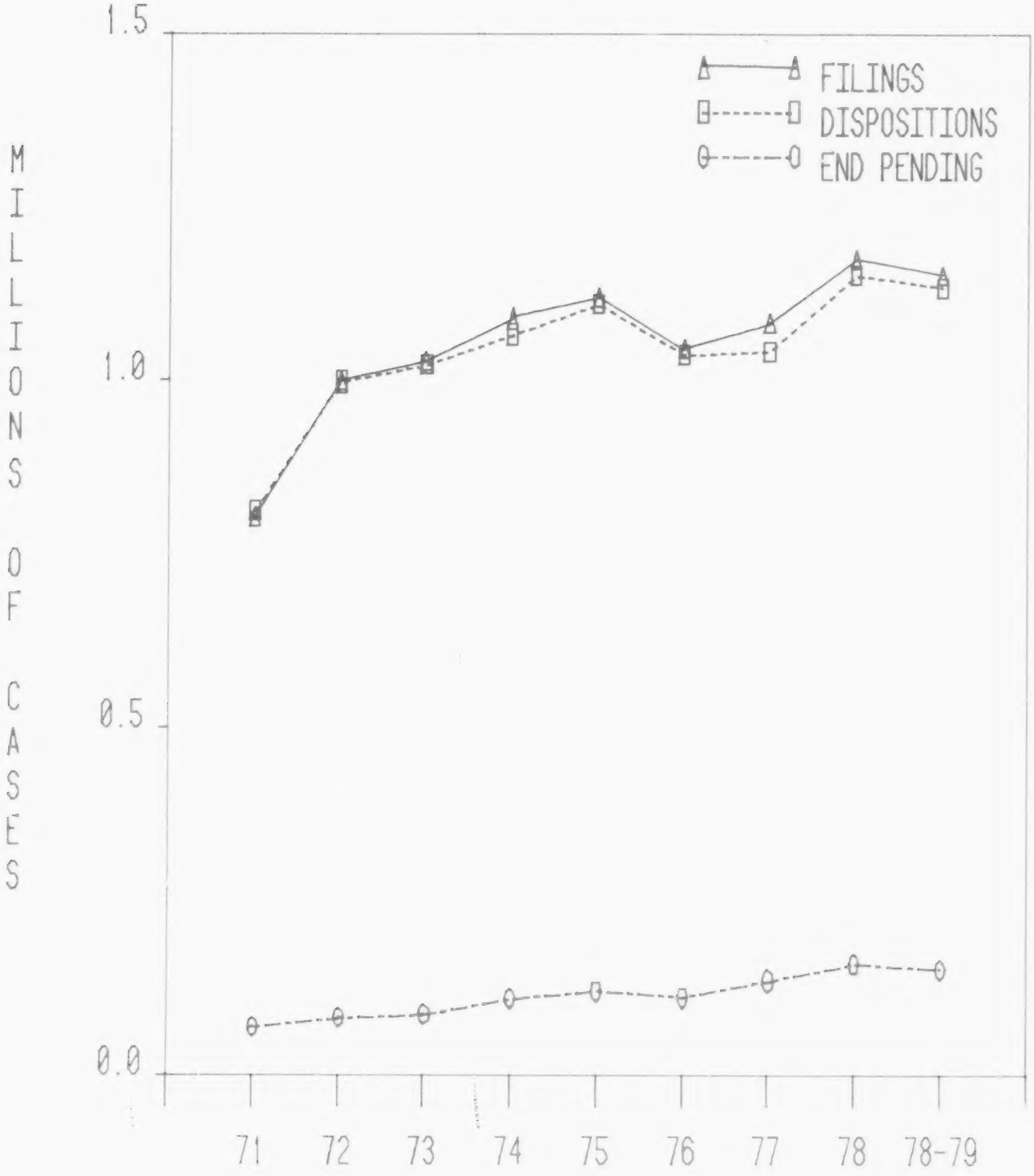
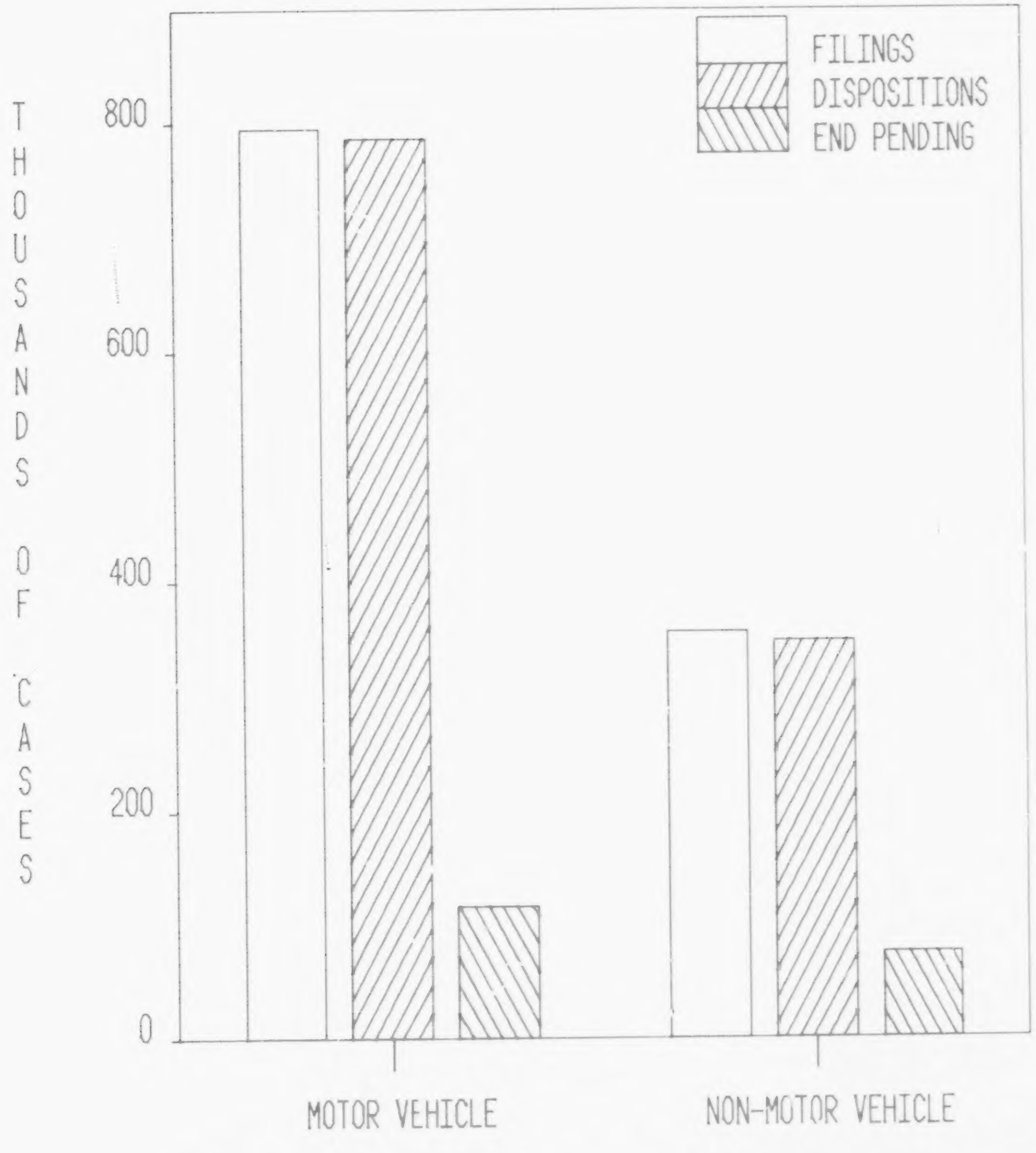
District 21												
Forsyth	3,696	38,178	41,874	37,358	89.2	4,516	2,113	13,563	15,676	13,628	86.9	2,048
District 22												
Alexander	178	1,888	2,066	1,927	93.2	139	99	1,002	1,101	1,022	92.8	79
Davidson	1,188	13,298	14,486	13,065	90.1	1,421	689	5,338	6,027	5,160	85.6	867
Davie	391	4,821	5,212	4,573	87.7	639	64	970	1,034	852	82.3	182
Iredell	916	10,254	11,170	10,131	90.6	1,039	356	4,759	5,115	4,576	89.4	539
District Totals	2,673	30,261	32,934	29,696	90.1	3,238	1,208	12,069	13,277	11,610	87.4	1,667
District 23												
Alleghany	40	769	809	713	88.1	96	17	295	312	280	89.7	32
Ashe	141	1,786	1,927	1,781	92.4	146	68	931	999	942	94.2	57
Wilkes	831	6,528	7,359	6,697	91.0	662	330	2,984	3,314	2,927	88.3	387
Yadkin	172	2,902	3,074	2,831	92.0	243	82	1,209	1,291	1,213	93.9	78
District Totals	1,184	11,985	13,169	12,022	91.2	1,147	497	5,419	5,916	5,362	90.6	554
District 24												
Avery	122	1,817	1,939	1,651	85.1	288	111	589	700	599	85.5	101
Madison	281	2,500	2,781	2,536	91.1	245	67	356	423	336	79.4	87
Mitchell	103	1,296	1,399	1,145	81.8	254	40	335	375	322	85.8	53
Watauga	479	4,092	4,571	4,120	90.1	451	206	1,108	1,314	947	72.0	367
Yancey	113	1,543	1,656	1,467	88.5	189	54	552	606	548	90.4	58
District Totals	1,098	11,248	12,346	10,919	88.4	1,427	478	2,940	3,418	2,752	80.5	666
District 25												
Burke	965	9,696	10,661	9,688	90.8	973	260	2,960	3,220	3,013	93.5	207
Caldwell	641	7,379	8,020	7,364	91.8	656	456	3,019	3,475	3,062	88.1	413
Catawba	1,346	12,983	14,329	13,144	91.7	1,185	648	6,347	6,995	6,332	90.5	663
District Totals	2,952	30,058	33,010	30,196	91.4	2,814	1,364	12,326	13,690	12,407	90.6	1,283
District 26												
Mecklenburg	10,079	48,764	58,843	46,766	79.4	12,077	6,438	20,677	27,115	18,501	68.2	8,614
District 27A												
Gaston	2,057	14,992	17,049	15,595	91.4	1,454	1,485	12,536	14,021	12,541	89.4	1,480
District 27B												
Cleveland	1,094	10,336	11,430	10,271	89.8	1,159	597	4,562	5,159	4,579	88.7	580
Lincoln	382	4,543	4,925	4,448	90.3	477	276	1,911	2,187	1,876	85.7	311
District Totals	1,476	14,879	16,355	14,719	89.9	1,636	873	6,473	7,346	6,455	87.8	891
District 28												
Buncombe	1,424	16,261	17,685	16,204	91.6	1,481	818	10,502	11,320	10,102	89.2	1,218
District 29												
Henderson	1,084	6,794	7,878	6,780	86.0	1,098	393	3,369	3,762	3,270	86.9	492
McDowell	489	5,479	5,968	5,130	85.9	838	227	1,426	1,653	1,260	76.2	393
Polk	351	2,351	2,702	2,428	89.8	274	124	661	785	656	83.5	129
Rutherford	455	3,827	4,282	3,881	90.6	401	234	2,393	2,627	2,265	86.2	362
Transylvania	341	2,382	2,723	2,351	86.3	372	132	917	1,049	873	83.2	176
District Totals	2,720	20,833	23,553	20,570	87.3	2,983	1,110	8,766	9,876	8,324	84.2	1,552
District 30												
Cherokee	186	2,398	2,584	2,305	89.2	279	94	674	768	631	82.1	137
Clay	57	585	642	579	90.1	63	42	249	291	262	90.0	29
Graham	82	457	539	468	86.8	71	49	279	328	281	85.6	47
Haywood	673	6,274	6,947	6,115	88.0	832	572	2,753	3,325	2,417	72.6	908
Jackson	358	2,744	3,102	2,842	91.6	260	135	629	764	644	84.2	120
Macon	190	3,114	3,304	3,028	91.6	276	149	630	779	574	73.6	205
Swain	98	2,018	2,116	1,869	88.3	247	101	561	662	502	75.8	160
District Totals	1,644	17,590	19,234	17,206	89.4	2,028	1,142	5,775	6,917	5,311	76.7	1,606
STATE TOTALS	88,751	796,227	884,978	787,465	88.9	97,513	47,537	356,292	403,829	347,174	85.9	56,655

CASELOAD TRENDS OF CRIMINAL CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURTS
1971-1979



IN TERMS OF VOLUME OF CASES, THE BULK IS LOCATED IN THE CRIMINAL DISTRICT COURTS OF NORTH CAROLINA. CASES LEFT PENDING AT THE END OF A YEAR ARE SMALL IN NUMBER COMPARED TO THE NUMBER OF FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS THAT OCCUR.

MOTOR VEHICLE VS. NON-MOTOR VEHICLE CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURTS---1978-79



TRAFFIC CASES REPRESENT THE MAJORITY OF CRIMINAL CASES HANDLED BY THE DISTRICT COURTS, IN FACT, THEY HOLD A GREATER THAN 2 TO 1 MARGIN OVER OTHER DISTRICT COURT CRIMINAL FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS.

MANNER OF DISPOSITION OF MOTOR VEHICLE (MV) AND NON-MOTOR VEHICLE (N-MV) CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

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			Waiver		Guilty Plea		Not Guilty Plea				Speedy**		
		Total Disposed	Magistrate	Clerk	Judge	Magistrate*	Judge	Magistrate*	Prelim. Hearing	Dismissal by D.A.	Trial Dismissal	Other	% Disposed By Waiver
District 1													
Camden	MV	789	31	464	141	-	55	-	1	50	0	47	62.7
	N-MV	174	3	0	39	47	17	0	22	27	0	19	1.7
Chowan	MV	1,556	134	898	327	-	85	-	3	27	0	82	66.3
	N-MV	604	47	4	176	51	85	0	43	80	0	118	8.4
Currituck	MV	2,449	117	1,425	456	-	133	-	4	42	0	272	63.0
	N-MV	546	5	4	93	141	73	0	40	55	0	135	1.6
Dare	MV	3,496	183	1,987	711	-	120	-	17	300	0	178	62.1
	N-MV	705	18	12	178	116	75	4	45	165	0	92	4.3
Gates	MV	1,910	93	1,376	257	-	113	-	3	45	0	23	76.9
	N-MV	338	59	18	64	78	30	1	44	14	0	30	22.8
Pasquotank	MV	3,421	587	1,644	768	-	172	-	6	129	0	115	65.2
	N-MV	1,480	106	86	539	142	224	0	144	167	0	72	13.0
Perquimans	MV	1,246	27	877	189	-	60	-	1	78	0	14	72.6
	N-MV	288	3	1	72	42	62	0	41	27	0	40	1.4
District Totals	MV	14,867	1,172	8,671	2,849	-	738	-	35	671	0	731	66.2
	N-MV	4,135	241	125	1,161	617	566	5	379	535	0	506	8.9
District 2													
Beaufort	MV	6,840	2,404	2,150	1,041	-	466	-	135	541	0	103	66.6
	N-MV	2,430	337	108	676	199	371	2	193	196	0	348	18.3
Hyde	MV	457	84	189	73	-	71	-	1	13	0	26	59.7
	N-MV	345	7	25	52	86	58	0	34	40	0	43	9.3
Martin	MV	3,590	484	1,538	911	-	367	-	9	146	0	135	56.3
	N-MV	1,595	160	176	560	39	190	1	80	127	0	262	21.1
Tyrrell	MV	460	47	292	47	-	37	-	1	12	0	24	73.7
	N-MV	181	17	8	38	34	46	0	9	18	0	11	13.8
Washington	MV	1,449	471	481	226	-	169	-	1	82	0	19	65.7
	N-MV	702	141	55	172	24	162	3	50	67	0	28	27.9
District Totals	MV	12,796	3,490	4,650	2,298	-	1,110	-	147	794	0	307	63.6
	N-MV	5,253	662	372	1,498	382	827	6	366	448	0	692	19.7
District 3													
Carteret	MV	6,122	945	2,383	1,616	-	131	-	5	547	0	495	54.4
	N-MV	3,106	116	104	813	359	167	4	79	890	0	574	7.1
Craven	MV	12,728	2,664	5,233	3,126	-	644	-	22	1,019	0	20	62.0
	N-MV	4,164	899	81	976	294	527	3	554	715	0	115	23.5
Pamlico	MV	1,101	129	354	373	-	71	-	43	101	0	30	43.9
	N-MV	460	11	11	103	96	55	1	51	111	0	21	4.8
Pitt	MV	11,375	2,649	4,018	3,101	-	609	-	38	902	0	58	58.6
	N-MV	6,880	1,437	732	2,124	229	843	1	491	883	3	137	31.5
District Totals	MV	31,326	6.387	11,988	8,216	-	1,455	-	108	2,569	0	603	58.7
	N-MV	14,610	2,463	928	4,016	978	1,592	9	1,175	2,599	3	847	23.2
District 4													
Duplin	MV	6,076	1,275	2,269	1,708	-	57	-	7	575	0	185	58.3
	N-MV	2,143	455	301	458	23	57	0	100	388	0	361	35.3
Jones	MV	1,572	144	738	381	-	38	-	0	204	0	67	56.1
	N-MV	582	29	10	161	44	41	0	63	221	0	13	6.7
Onslow	MV	16,482	3,845	5,000	4,961	-	285	-	0	2,170	0	221	53.7
	N-MV	7,558	815	373	2,566	292	400	0	202	1,743	0	1,167	15.7
Sampson	MV	10,852	1,177	5,311	3,070	-	106	-	14	599	0	575	59.8
	N-MV	2,579	549	292	740	59	49	8	89	571	0	222	32.6
District Totals	MV	34,982	6,441	13,318	10,120	-	486	-	21	3,548	0	1,048	56.5
	N-MV	12,862	1,848	976	3,925	418	547	8	454	2,923	0	1,763	22.0
District 5													
New Hanover	MV	13,444	5,356	1,514	3,183	-	1,377	-	160	1,758	0	96	51.1
	N-MV	8,609	665	332	2,972	482	1,262	0	944	1,511	0	441	11.6
Pender	MV	3,706	273	1,713	910	-	229	-	1	162	0	118	53.6
	N-MV	1,048	3	0	296	270	121	9	82	144	0	123	.3
District Totals	MV	17,150	5,629	3,227	4,093	-	1,606	-	161	2,220	0	214	51.6
	N-MV	9,657	668	332	3,268	752	1,383	9	1,026	1,655	0	564	10.4

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District 6													
Bertie	MV	3,690	529	2,039	564	-	121	-	21	132	0	284	69.6
	N-MV	751	66	46	158	98	136	2	52	88	0	105	14.9
Halifax	MV	11,218	1,950	4,010	2,629	-	325	-	27	1,093	0	1,184	53.1
	N-MV	3,335	228	48	764	517	458	11	321	694	0	294	8.3
Hertford	MV	4,497	821	2,224	750	-	262	-	11	379	0	50	67.7
	N-MV	1,311	387	27	231	57	188	16	63	197	0	145	31.6
Northampton	MV	6,225	597	2,979	938	-	146	-	25	431	0	1,109	57.4
	N-MV	619	82	40	145	69	74	1	39	98	0	71	19.7
District Totals	MV	25,630	3,897	11,252	4,881	-	854	-	84	2,035	0	2,627	59.1
	N-MV	6,016	763	161	1,298	741	856	30	475	1,077	0	615	15.4
District 7													
Edgecombe	MV	5,197	1,559	1,785	1,027	-	215	-	12	588	0	11	64.3
	N-MV	4,876	714	286	1,423	413	630	6	352	783	0	269	20.5
Nash	MV	8,479	2,021	3,443	1,459	-	326	-	24	1,191	0	15	64.4
	N-MV	4,757	977	350	1,066	355	475	0	512	801	0	231	27.9
Wilson	MV	8,696	3,157	3,151	1,116	-	287	-	40	599	0	346	72.5
	N-MV	4,112	629	128	1,032	187	335	8	373	587	3	830	18.4
District Totals	MV	22,372	6,737	8,379	3,602	-	828	-	76	2,378	0	372	67.6
	N-MV	13,755	2,320	764	3,521	955	1,440	14	1,237	2,171	3	1,330	22.4
District 8													
Greene	MV	1,600	445	568	373	-	36	-	0	70	0	108	63.3
	N-MV	793	79	9	212	59	103	0	92	187	0	52	11.1
Lenoir	MV	9,063	378	4,804	2,114	-	249	-	63	1,013	0	442	57.2
	N-MV	4,894	119	2	1,676	587	552	2	387	1,250	0	319	2.5
Wayne	MV	13,599	1,631	6,898	2,753	-	386	-	53	1,772	0	106	62.7
	N-MV	6,098	565	783	1,711	221	480	1	294	1,662	0	381	22.1
District Totals	MV	24,262	2,454	12,270	5,240	-	671	-	116	2,855	0	656	60.7
	N-MV	11,785	763	794	3,599	867	1,135	3	773	3,099	0	752	13.2
District 9													
Franklin	MV	4,019	1,191	1,036	1,113	-	302	-	9	352	0	16	55.4
	N-MV	1,370	304	34	354	66	210	0	134	234	0	34	24.7
Granville	MV	4,273	1,351	1,149	1,119	-	166	-	5	446	0	37	58.5
	N-MV	1,707	314	116	608	143	211	2	97	164	0	52	25.2
Person	MV	3,381	1,316	443	1,095	-	240	-	2	255	0	30	52.0
	N-MV	1,625	119	15	516	215	369	0	107	233	0	51	8.2
Vance	MV	4,452	1,524	1,121	858	-	245	-	18	397	0	289	59.4
	N-MV	2,550	437	133	739	39	338	12	167	334	0	351	22.4
Warren	MV	2,340	404	945	612	-	114	-	1	176	0	88	57.6
	N-MV	885	84	32	249	102	172	2	33	136	0	75	13.1
District Totals	MV	18,465	5,786	4,694	4,797	-	1,067	-	35	1,626	0	460	56.8
	N-MV	8,137	1,258	330	2,466	565	1,300	16	538	1,101	0	563	19.5
District 10													
Wake	MV	46,789	1,661	25,011	9,638	-	3,156	-	68	7,139	0	116	57.0
	N-MV	23,775	681	5,202	7,625	1,611	2,079	0	912	4,247	0	1,418	24.7
District 11													
Harnett	MV	7,763	1,982	2,472	1,901	-	319	-	14	775	0	300	57.4
	N-MV	3,203	368	235	880	256	306	6	125	705	0	322	18.8
Johnston	MV	13,471	2,003	5,248	2,997	-	640	-	19	1,462	0	1,102	53.8
	N-MV	3,188	419	248	1,105	51	441	7	178	487	2	250	20.9
Lee	MV	3,968	1,587	973	962	-	145	-	6	284	0	11	64.5
	N-MV	3,913	998	118	1,342	7	347	0	263	501	0	337	28.5
District Totals	MV	25,202	5,572	8,693	5,860	-	1,104	-	39	2,521	0	1,413	56.6
	N-MV	10,304	1,785	601	3,327	314	1,094	13	566	1,693	2	909	23.2
District 12													
Cumberland	MV	38,690	2,144	19,999	8,128	-	2,202	-	75	5,703	0	439	57.2
	N-MV	22,418	675	3,355	4,456	684	1,740	7	147	5,209	0	6,145	18.0
Hoke	MV	3,735	367	1,844	964	-	149	-	3	255	0	153	59.2
	N-MV	1,250	103	133	403	7	202	0	38	297	0	67	18.9
District Totals	MV	42,425	2,511	21,843	9,092	-	2,351	-	78	5,958	0	592	57.4
	N-MV	23,668	778	3,488	4,859	691	1,942	7	185	5,506	0	6,212	18.0

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District 13													
Bladen	MV	6,831	884	3,200	1,640	-	131	-	7	872	0	97	59.8
	N-MV	2,413	106	138	814	391	269	1	92	473	0	129	10.1
Brunswick	MV	4,553	1,655	1,028	1,110	-	151	-	3	279	0	327	58.9
	N-MV	1,809	150	17	411	189	180	0	193	376	0	293	9.2
Columbus	MV	9,338	862	3,889	1,642	-	1,244	-	9	1,355	0	337	50.9
	N-MV	3,767	252	615	1,047	534	356	0	157	578	0	228	23.0
District Totals	MV	20,722	3,401	8,117	4,392	-	1,526	-	19	2,506	0	761	55.6
	N-MV	7,989	508	770	2,272	1,114	805	1	442	1,427	0	650	16.0
District 14													
Durham	MV	18,483	354	10,285	4,589	-	728	-	24	2,127	0	376	57.6
	N-MV	11,720	795	1,086	5,140	99	1,232	1	668	2,356	0	343	16.0
District 15A													
Alamance	MV	11,694	2,674	4,101	2,820	-	817	-	14	806	0	462	57.9
	N-MV	4,616	485	19	1,673	249	716	0	309	931	0	234	10.9
District 15B													
Chatham	MV	5,338	758	2,109	1,877	-	170	-	0	374	0	50	53.7
	N-MV	1,186	98	40	378	161	113	0	81	251	0	64	11.6
Orange	MV	10,521	2,242	3,662	2,623	-	490	-	15	656	0	833	56.1
	N-MV	3,379	435	88	956	134	394	1	312	797	0	262	15.5
District Totals	MV	15,859	3,000	5,771	4,500	-	660	-	15	1,030	0	883	55.3
	N-MV	4,565	533	128	1,334	295	507	1	393	1,048	0	326	14.5
District 16													
Robeson	MV	17,405	4,540	4,816	4,398	-	494	-	17	330	0	2,810	53.8
	N-MV	8,737	1,371	210	3,274	351	811	1	477	315	0	1,927	18.1
Scotland	MV	5,161	1,864	1,548	1,051	-	110	-	0	151	0	437	66.1
	N-MV	2,894	425	71	892	282	354	16	113	223	0	518	17.1
District Totals	MV	22,566	6,404	6,364	5,449	-	604	-	17	481	0	3,247	56.6
	N-MV	11,631	1,796	281	4,166	633	1,165	17	590	538	0	2,445	17.9
District 17													
Caswell	MV	2,211	637	708	500	-	108	-	2	206	0	50	60.8
	N-MV	697	60	2	178	93	126	1	33	79	0	125	8.9
Rockingham	MV	9,607	3,070	3,069	2,008	-	553	-	9	778	0	120	63.9
	N-MV	5,014	630	55	1,454	339	822	0	173	805	0	736	13.7
Stokes	MV	3,537	572	1,761	320	-	508	-	0	343	0	33	66.0
	N-MV	1,003	105	25	151	230	160	0	40	116	0	176	13.0
Surry	MV	6,449	3,006	708	1,408	-	273	-	6	631	0	417	57.6
	N-MV	3,311	307	64	834	149	452	1	287	544	0	673	11.2
District Totals	MV	21,804	7,285	6,246	4,236	-	1,442	-	17	1,958	0	620	62.1
	N-MV	10,025	1,102	146	2,617	811	1,560	2	533	1,544	0	1,710	12.4
District 18													
Guilford	MV	41,995	3,162	22,213	8,970	-	2,283	-	43	4,845	0	479	60.4
	N-MV	19,618	264	407	8,300	1,444	2,111	75	527	4,644	0	1,846	3.4
District 19A													
Cabarrus	MV	12,238	3,579	5,125	1,420	-	808	-	9	1,207	0	90	71.1
	N-MV	3,872	288	98	1,145	350	814	2	467	573	1	134	10.0
Rowan	MV	10,857	1,872	5,472	1,455	-	782	-	6	506	0	764	67.6
	N-MV	4,477	254	209	1,198	266	747	7	421	582	26	793	10.3
District Totals	MV	23,095	5,451	10,597	2,875	-	1,590	-	15	1,713	0	854	69.5
	N-MV	8,349	542	307	2,343	616	1,561	9	888	1,155	1	927	10.2
District 19B													
Montgomery	MV	4,278	3,112	1	683	-	216	-	5	248	0	13	72.8
	N-MV	1,763	253	1	304	56	207	0	143	335	0	464	14.4
Randolph	MV	9,025	1,979	4,427	1,394	-	500	-	3	611	0	111	71.0
	N-MV	2,913	584	1	747	141	341	0	236	694	0	169	20.1
District Totals	MV	13,303	5,091	4,428	2,077	-	716	-	8	859	0	124	71.6
	N-MV	4,676	837	2	1,051	197	548	0	379	1,029	0	633	17.9

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District 20													
Anson	MV	4,529	1,062	1,805	1,059	-	170	-	2	242	0	189	63.3
	N-MV	1,456	53	5	401	144	220	2	179	316	0	134	4.0
Moore	MV	6,357	1,475	1,929	1,970	-	161	-	12	352	0	458	53.5
	N-MV	3,422	607	151	720	131	239	1	330	611	0	632	22.2
Richmond	MV	5,703	1,408	1,889	1,436	-	235	-	24	248	0	463	57.8
	N-MV	2,965	285	37	661	178	411	0	479	760	0	154	10.9
Stanly	MV	6,659	1,960	2,039	1,818	-	41	-	25	717	0	59	60.1
	N-MV	2,033	358	20	755	104	75	2	148	506	0	65	18.6
Union	MV	7,179	1,828	2,642	1,656	-	359	-	49	244	0	401	62.3
	N-MV	3,159	505	12	824	105	504	7	430	618	0	154	16.4
District Totals	MV	30,427	7,733	10,304	7,939	-	966	-	112	1,803	0	1,570	59.3
	N-MV	13,035	1,808	225	3,361	662	1,449	12	1,566	2,813	0	1,139	15.6
District 21													
Forsyth	MV	37,358	54	23,899	5,867	-	2,666	-	38	4,660	0	174	64.1
	N-MV	13,628	13	2,191	4,085	119	2,716	5	1,049	2,808	0	642	16.2
District 22													
Alexander	MV	1,927	692	418	517	-	114	-	0	173	0	13	57.6
	N-MV	1,022	92	10	200	249	95	1	78	268	0	29	10.0
Davidson	MV	13,065	3,011	5,149	2,662	-	443	-	8	1,693	0	99	62.5
	N-MV	5,160	244	120	1,690	343	828	2	352	1,321	0	260	7.1
Davie	MV	4,573	2,988	403	629	-	101	-	1	354	0	97	74.2
	N-MV	852	72	4	204	30	72	2	55	144	0	269	8.9
Iredell	MV	10,131	4,154	2,482	1,961	-	389	-	11	1,010	0	124	65.5
	N-MV	4,576	561	19	1,321	399	453	10	462	1,187	0	164	12.7
District Totals	MV	29,696	10,845	8,452	5,769	-	1,047	-	20	3,230	0	333	65.0
	N-MV	11,610	969	153	3,415	1,021	1,448	15	947	2,920	0	722	9.7
District 23													
Alleghany	MV	713	312	106	173	-	48	-	6	42	0	26	58.6
	N-MV	280	35	0	64	35	39	1	12	54	0	40	12.5
Ashe	MV	1,781	312	686	459	-	185	-	6	62	0	71	56.0
	N-MV	942	56	61	274	77	153	1	93	30	0	197	12.4
Wilkes	MV	6,697	2,158	1,687	1,539	-	586	-	10	398	0	319	57.4
	N-MV	2,927	381	41	682	209	540	2	135	579	0	358	14.4
Yadkin	MV	2,831	793	1,010	604	-	196	-	2	96	0	130	63.7
	N-MV	1,213	170	32	299	92	182	0	112	151	0	175	16.7
District Totals	MV	12,022	3,575	3,489	2,775	-	1,015	-	24	598	0	546	58.8
	N-MV	5,362	642	134	1,319	413	914	4	352	814	0	770	14.5
District 24													
Avery	MV	1,651	773	358	239	-	75	-	8	179	0	19	68.5
	N-MV	599	75	3	97	55	65	4	71	180	0	49	13.0
Madison	MV	2,536	260	1,210	175	-	52	-	15	792	0	32	58.0
	N-MV	336	1	2	53	21	46	0	18	137	0	58	.9
Mitchell	MV	1,145	194	443	208	-	53	-	3	222	0	22	55.6
	N-MV	322	15	7	87	34	40	1	22	76	0	40	6.8
Watauga	MV	4,120	729	1,909	747	-	148	-	0	556	0	31	64.0
	N-MV	947	149	78	162	80	83	26	47	264	0	58	24.0
Yancey	MV	1,467	225	659	166	-	71	-	7	328	0	11	60.3
	N-MV	548	9	4	63	215	71	1	55	113	0	17	2.4
District Totals	MV	10.919	2,181	4,579	1,535	-	399	-	33	2,077	0	115	61.9
	N-MV	2,752	249	94	462	405	305	32	213	770	0	222	12.5
District 25													
Burke	MV	9,688	1,444	4,550	2,188	-	209	-	4	1,059	0	234	61.9
	N-MV	3,013	273	60	870	169	271	2	207	891	0	270	11.1
Caldwell	MV	7,364	3,213	789	2,311	-	257	-	6	557	0	231	54.3
	N-MV	3,062	202	0	731	297	358	1	174	982	0	317	6.6
Catawba	MV	13,144	4,118	3,474	3,780	-	421	-	9	818	0	524	57.8
	N-MV	6,332	649	97	1,483	374	628	0	415	1,417	0	1,269	11.8
District Totals	MV	30,196	8,775	8,813	8,279	-	887	-	19	2,434	0	989	58.2
	N-MV	12,407	1,124	157	3,084	840	1,257	3	796	3,290	0	1,856	10.3

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District 26													
Mecklenburg	MV	46,766	1,427	24,904	9,614	-	2,701	-	51	7,862	1	206	56.3
	N-MV	18,501	895	151	4,697	2,206	1,600	1	1,252	6,697	5	997	5.7
District 27A													
Gaston	MV	15,595	6,782	2,076	3,282	-	743	-	5	2,549	0	158	56.8
	N-MV	12,541	884	17	3,050	317	1,322	2	167	2,599	0	3,683	7.2
District 27B													
Cleveland	MV	10,271	5,007	1,332	2,366	-	187	-	2	864	0	513	61.7
	N-MV	4,579	462	27	1,434	194	380	9	263	1,387	0	423	10.7
Lincoln	MV	4,448	1,613	926	1,007	-	121	-	5	755	0	21	57.1
	N-MV	1,876	190	92	453	113	198	0	111	552	0	167	15.0
District Totals	MV	14,719	6,620	2,258	3,373	-	308	-	7	1,619	0	534	60.3
	N-MV	6,455	652	119	1,887	307	578	9	374	1,939	0	590	11.9
District 28													
Buncombe	MV	16,204	5,402	5,302	3,518	-	488	-	38	1,297	0	159	66.1
	N-MV	10,102	1,218	431	4,096	519	682	1	645	1,631	0	879	16.3
District 29													
Henderson	MV	6,780	2,821	1,462	993	-	156	-	4	906	0	438	63.2
	N-MV	3,270	4	36	804	743	191	2	192	596	0	702	1.2
McDowell	MV	5,130	3,310	125	904	-	184	-	25	331	0	251	67.0
	N-MV	1,260	50	3	366	206	126	3	115	219	0	172	4.2
Polk	MV	2,428	83	1,436	387	-	71	-	3	66	0	382	62.6
	N-MV	656	6	5	205	36	63	9	63	148	0	121	1.7
Rutherford	MV	3,881	1,900	451	783	-	260	-	12	164	0	311	60.6
	N-MV	2,265	171	4	578	441	395	1	190	366	0	119	7.7
Transylvania	MV	2,351	420	1,123	412	-	102	-	2	212	0	80	65.6
	N-MV	873	36	53	239	137	80	21	14	188	0	105	10.2
District Totals	MV	20,570	8,534	4,597	3,479	-	773	-	46	1,679	0	1,462	63.8
	N-MV	8,324	267	101	2,192	1,563	855	36	574	1,517	0	1,219	4.4
District 30													
Cherokee	MV	2,305	33	1,428	384	-	15	-	3	360	0	82	63.4
	N-MV	631	2	36	192	37	7	0	60	199	0	98	6.0
Clay	MV	579	18	314	96	-	8	-	2	46	0	95	57.3
	N-MV	262	0	0	33	87	8	0	35	72	0	27	.0
Graham	MV	468	13	272	97	-	20	-	0	59	0	7	60.9
	N-MV	281	3	1	50	116	13	7	2	70	0	19	1.4
Haywood	MV	6,115	3,293	16	1,268	-	149	-	11	676	1	701	54.1
	N-MV	2,417	348	14	501	218	125	19	251	725	2	214	15.0
Jackson	MV	2,842	445	1,196	551	-	32	-	7	287	0	324	57.7
	N-MV	644	1	12	82	138	11	10	12	143	0	235	2.0
Macon	MV	3,028	539	999	368	-	40	-	1	148	0	933	50.8
	N-MV	574	30	3	89	117	27	1	59	113	0	135	5.7
Swain	MV	1,869	965	367	214	-	9	-	1	108	1	204	71.3
	N-MV	502	14	7	69	140	16	5	14	135	0	102	4.2
District Totals	MV	17,206	5,306	4,592	2,978	-	273	-	25	1,684	2	2,346	57.5
	N-MV	5,311	398	73	1,016	853	207	42	433	1,457	2	830	8.9
STATE TOTALS	MV	787,465	155,793	315,383	169,002	-	38,058	-	1,558	82,131	3	25,537	59.8
	N-MV	347,174	30,211	21,065	102,123	24,074	38,299	388	21,183	70,981	16	38,834	14.8

*This type of disposition cannot occur for motor vehicle cases.

**The data in this disposition category is for the six-month period from January 1, 1979—June 30, 1979. Before January 1, 1979, data on this type of disposition was not available.

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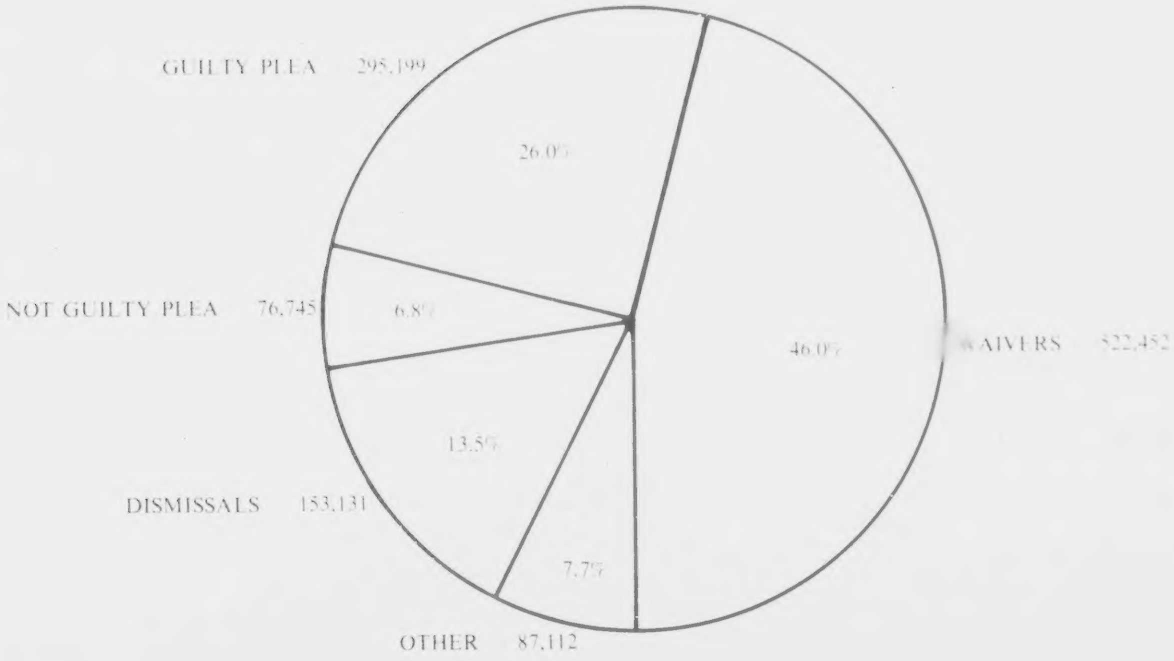

Waivers composed a major portion of district court criminal dispositions, 46% of disposed cases were waived. 26% of all dispostions were pleas of guilty, 6.8% were pleas of not guilty, 13.5% were dismissed, and 7.7% were disposed in some other way.

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					Ages of Pending Cases (Days)									Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)				
		Total Pending	Mean Age	Median Age	0-60	61-120	121-180	181-365	>365	Total Disposed	Mean Age	Median Age	% 0-60	% 61-120	% 121-180	% 181-365	% >365
District 1																	
Camden	MV	73	41.3	23.1	59	9	4	0	1	789	40.1	21.6	82.5	11.6	2.4	2.9	.6
	NMV	9	25.2	19.2	9	0	0	0	0	174	24.6	12.0	89.2	8.0	1.7	1.1	0.0
Chowan	MV	122	35.0	22.0	100	19	1	2	0	1,556	25.3	18.4	92.1	4.9	2.9	.1	0.0
	NMV	61	64.1	36.3	37	14	6	3	1	604	24.7	11.5	95.7	1.9	1.1	.3	1.0
Currituck	MV	226	56.2	32.0	146	58	12	7	3	2,449	45.5	22.1	80.9	9.4	4.4	3.8	1.5
	NMV	60	192.6	50.5	32	16	2	2	8	546	85.7	22.6	76.7	7.0	1.1	4.8	10.4
Dare	MV	561	70.3	30.8	384	77	25	71	4	3,496	28.3	13.6	90.5	4.7	3.0	1.1	.7
	NMV	233	199.6	136.0	82	26	19	88	18	705	42.9	17.3	85.2	9.1	1.5	1.1	3.1
Gates	MV	232	132.7	31.8	148	19	9	28	28	1,910	39.5	18.8	90.0	5.0	1.0	1.8	2.2
	NMV	7	27.1	11.6	6	1	0	0	0	338	35.9	13.6	89.8	5.1	1.2	2.7	1.2
Pasquotank	MV	229	25.2	15.0	201	22	5	1	0	3,421	30.5	20.1	90.3	5.7	2.3	1.4	.3
	NMV	106	31.8	10.8	99	3	1	1	2	1,480	25.7	16.7	93.0	5.0	1.0	.8	.2
Perquimans	MV	120	54.8	26.0	93	14	5	6	2	1,246	38.7	16.8	88.8	6.6	2.4	1.1	1.1
	NMV	61	81.7	25.5	47	4	3	4	3	288	61.8	13.4	92.4	2.8	1.0	1.0	2.8
District Totals	MV	1,563	65.6	26.1	1,131	218	61	115	38	14,867	34.3	17.6	88.3	6.4	2.7	1.7	.9
	NMV	537	131.7	32.0	312	64	31	98	32	4,135	39.7	15.4	89.6	5.4	1.1	1.5	2.4
District 2																	
Beaufort	MV	475	84.2	19.4	337	49	20	43	26	6,840	23.3	14.1	94.3	2.2	1.4	1.9	.2
	NMV	158	245.4	155.5	55	14	36	20	33	2,430	16.1	5.8	96.6	2.0	.4	.4	.6
Hyde	MV	22	46.5	10.0	18	1	1	2	0	457	26.9	18.8	89.7	8.1	2.0	.2	0.0
	NMV	27	41.5	31.6	22	3	2	0	0	345	16.7	8.8	94.8	4.6	.3	.3	0.0
Martin	MV	219	31.2	15.7	178	34	4	3	0	3,590	30.3	15.5	89.6	5.3	2.4	2.3	.4
	NMV	105	119.4	23.1	69	4	8	16	8	1,595	28.4	12.1	90.6	4.5	2.1	1.9	.9
Tyrrell	MV	31	93.0	61.0	14	7	2	8	0	460	20.5	13.5	93.9	3.7	2.4	0.0	0.0
	NMV	24	57.2	17.3	16	4	1	3	0	181	15.3	10.3	98.8	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
Washington	MV	51	30.0	12.0	41	9	1	0	0	1,449	21.9	14.1	94.5	2.7	1.3	1.5	0.0
	NMV	23	66.6	37.0	17	2	2	1	1	702	16.3	8.7	95.6	3.4	.4	.6	0.0
District Totals	MV	798	65.6	19.0	588	100	28	56	26	12,796	25.1	14.4	93.0	3.4	1.7	1.8	.1
	NMV	337	164.2	39.0	179	27	49	40	42	5,253	19.9	7.3	94.6	3.0	.9	.9	.6
District 3																	
Carteret	MV	1,160	184.0	74.0	534	125	87	188	226	6,122	42.9	19.4	85.6	8.0	3.3	1.3	1.8
	NMV	934	282.5	143.1	339	93	82	130	290	3,106	41.0	17.9	85.0	8.5	3.1	1.9	1.5
Craven	MV	1,194	94.1	31.2	792	166	101	86	49	12,728	27.5	14.3	92.0	4.0	.5	3.1	.4
	NMV	431	143.2	38.6	241	80	19	45	46	4,164	29.1	13.1	91.6	5.2	.9	1.6	.7
Pamlico	MV	53	35.2	18.8	47	4	1	1	0	1,101	24.6	14.5	89.6	7.3	2.0	1.1	0.0
	NMV	11	26.5	24.0	10	1	0	0	0	460	28.7	10.7	90.2	6.6	.4	1.5	1.3
Pitt	MV	1,233	215.0	67.8	589	110	55	177	302	11,375	27.1	17.4	91.4	5.6	1.6	1.3	.1
	NMV	1,176	265.1	173.0	461	73	70	171	401	6,880	27.7	18.3	91.1	6.2	1.2	1.3	.2
District Totals	MV	3,640	162.8	47.2	1,962	405	244	452	577	31,326	30.3	15.6	90.4	5.5	1.5	2.0	.6
	NMV	2,552	249.9	112.7	1,051	247	171	346	737	14,610	30.9	16.1	90.0	6.3	1.6	1.5	.6

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		Total Pending	Mean Age	Median Age	Ages of Pending Cases (Days) 0-60	61-120	121-180	181-365	365	Total Disposed	Mean Age	Median Age	Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days) % 0-60	% 61-120	% 121-180	% 181-365	% 365
District 4																	
Duplin	MV	738	137.7	57.8	384	132	85	55	82	6,076	35.7	20.9	85.1	8.9	3.8	1.8	.4
	NMV	461	257.7	128.0	167	56	49	54	135	2,143	31.6	14.8	86.3	9.0	2.2	2.0	.5
Jones	MV	150	56.0	49.8	97	40	8	5	0	1,572	38.9	22.2	79.0	13.3	6.3	1.3	.1
	NMV	31	75.3	57.0	16	10	4	0	1	582	37.4	24.5	80.1	14.9	3.1	1.9	0.0
Onslow	MV	2,152	55.7	32.0	1,442	424	185	97	4	16,482	42.8	21.9	82.4	8.9	2.6	5.9	.2
	NMV	957	37.4	23.8	779	132	36	6	4	7,558	33.6	19.8	83.8	11.7	2.4	2.0	.1
Sampson	MV	1,327	207.1	74.0	606	173	47	205	296	10,852	34.3	20.7	86.1	7.9	4.0	1.9	.1
	NMV	740	344.3	306.3	217	49	41	159	274	2,579	40.0	25.7	80.5	13.9	3.8	1.5	.3
District Totals	MV	4,367	115.6	43.4	2,529	769	325	362	382	34,982	38.7	21.3	84.0	8.7	3.4	3.7	.2
	NMV	2,189	188.1	51.5	1,179	247	130	219	414	12,862	34.8	20.6	83.5	11.8	2.6	1.9	.2
District 5																	
New Hanover	MV	1,419	82.3	31.9	913	238	81	123	64	13,444	27.5	18.8	90.1	5.5	2.8	1.4	.2
	NMV	1,404	121.7	40.0	819	169	98	175	143	8,609	35.0	14.6	84.9	8.2	2.6	3.8	.5
Pender	MV	510	188.7	74.1	230	69	47	77	87	3,706	41.9	16.1	83.9	6.4	2.8	6.2	.7
	NMV	146	380.0	240.0	50	8	6	16	66	1,048	27.8	8.8	88.9	5.9	1.9	2.6	.7
District Totals	MV	1,929	110.4	39.7	1,143	307	128	200	151	17,150	30.6	15.1	88.8	5.7	2.8	2.4	.3
	NMV	1,550	146.0	44.0	869	177	104	191	209	9,657	34.2	14.3	85.4	7.9	2.5	3.6	.6
District 6																	
Bertie	MV	333	62.8	32.1	211	81	27	9	5	3,690	30.5	14.6	88.7	6.1	3.7	.4	1.1
	NMV	153	239.3	128.0	61	14	6	35	37	751	15.6	7.2	96.6	2.8	.1	.5	0.0
Halifax	MV	1,314	85.9	40.4	860	261	40	73	80	11,218	29.5	21.7	89.8	7.3	2.8	.1	0.0
	NMV	474	157.2	67.7	232	41	14	124	63	3,335	30.3	14.9	86.3	9.9	2.9	.5	.4
Hertford	MV	624	116.9	61.1	296	99	45	162	22	4,497	35.0	13.6	86.6	7.8	1.7	2.0	1.9
	NMV	164	178.0	95.5	73	14	9	50	18	1,311	30.4	13.0	87.1	8.4	1.8	2.1	.6
Northampton	MV	437	29.7	11.9	379	32	20	5	1	6,225	18.9	10.0	93.5	5.6	.6	.1	.2
	NMV	32	48.3	12.0	25	2	3	2	0	619	22.7	9.5	94.8	2.9	.6	0.0	1.7
District Totals	MV	2,708	81.1	35.5	1,746	473	132	249	108	25,630	28.0	15.7	90.0	6.8	2.2	.5	.5
	NMV	823	172.4	82.0	391	71	32	211	118	6,016	27.7	12.7	88.7	7.9	2.1	.8	.5
District 7																	
Edgecombe	MV	463	53.9	26.3	358	65	19	11	10	5,197	35.8	20.5	85.0	9.0	3.8	1.8	.4
	NMV	509	70.8	31.5	337	94	22	39	17	4,876	34.5	17.1	85.1	10.0	2.6	1.9	.4
Nash	MV	1,003	59.1	30.3	687	183	55	63	15	8,479	35.9	17.5	81.2	12.8	4.4	1.4	.2
	NMV	580	73.7	31.9	377	117	25	41	20	4,767	33.2	16.6	84.8	9.7	3.5	1.7	.3
Wilson	MV	1,243	86.9	32.4	804	201	60	127	51	8,696	36.4	20.7	82.5	9.9	5.7	1.7	.2
	NMV	820	145.6	72.1	349	155	83	180	53	4,112	36.3	15.3	80.2	13.3	3.7	2.5	.3
District Totals	MV	2,709	71.0	31.8	1,849	449	134	201	76	22,372	36.1	19.2	82.7	10.8	4.7	1.6	.2
	NMV	1,909	103.8	45.5	1,063	366	130	260	90	13,755	34.6	16.7	83.5	10.9	3.3	2.0	.3

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District 8																	
Greene	MV	157	54.8	32.2	102	33	13	9	0	1,600	28.4	13.6	88.4	6.7	2.9	1.8	.2
	NMV	57	98.0	32.0	38	6	3	5	5	793	24.8	11.3	92.7	4.5	.8	1.6	.4
Lenoir	MV	684	44.3	25.9	516	116	29	21	2	9,063	29.7	16.5	87.2	8.3	3.5	1.0	0.0
	NMV	317	39.5	23.2	270	27	12	6	2	4,894	27.1	15.0	89.2	8.0	1.6	1.1	.1
Wayne	MV	1,427	75.1	31.6	947	253	90	85	52	13,599	32.6	16.7	86.3	7.9	4.2	1.1	.5
	NMV	751	98.8	44.7	422	129	70	80	50	6,098	35.1	17.6	86.1	8.4	1.6	3.3	.6
District Totals	MV	2,268	64.4	30.9	1,565	402	132	115	54	24,262	31.3	16.4	86.8	8.0	3.8	1.1	.3
	NMV	1,125	82.0	35.2	730	162	85	91	57	11,785	31.0	15.9	87.8	7.9	1.6	2.3	.4
District 9																	
Franklin	MV	397	63.0	32.1	274	72	25	17	9	4,019	31.7	20.6	89.2	6.0	2.6	2.1	.1
	NMV	212	136.1	96.5	92	21	58	25	16	1,370	24.7	11.2	91.6	5.2	1.8	.9	.5
Granville	MV	424	51.1	29.1	305	93	9	13	4	4,273	25.8	14.7	88.8	7.6	2.9	.6	.1
	NMV	108	174.6	45.8	62	18	5	11	12	1,707	19.2	8.9	93.4	4.2	1.8	.5	.1
Person	MV	371	169.3	51.1	203	54	11	41	62	3,381	28.7	17.5	89.9	6.6	3.0	.4	.1
	NMV	203	229.1	51.1	107	18	7	20	51	1,625	24.7	14.5	91.8	6.0	1.0	1.1	.1
Vance	MV	512	34.4	21.9	412	87	11	2	0	4,452	31.4	20.7	86.7	9.0	3.4	.8	.1
	NMV	252	80.3	29.3	149	61	15	21	6	2,550	27.8	11.8	89.1	6.7	1.6	2.3	.3
Warren	MV	486	105.6	32.3	312	74	14	36	50	2,340	54.4	23.3	85.1	6.0	2.8	2.5	3.6
	NMV	229	281.2	215.0	54	9	17	78	71	885	50.4	18.0	86.4	8.3	1.0	1.7	2.6
District Totals	MV	2,190	81.4	31.3	1,506	380	70	109	125	18,465	32.6	18.9	88.0	7.2	3.0	1.2	.6
	NMV	1,004	178.1	72.8	464	127	102	155	156	8,137	27.3	12.2	90.7	5.9	1.5	1.4	.5
District 10																	
Wake	MV	6,702	108.3	39.5	4,197	1,078	393	432	602	46,789	39.9	27.7	81.8	12.0	4.4	1.7	.1
	NMV	4,369	141.0	46.8	2,470	688	265	412	534	23,775	45.2	28.2	76.9	15.3	4.8	2.8	.2
District 11																	
Harnett	MV	806	67.0	32.3	514	172	52	59	9	7,763	31.7	17.3	85.9	9.4	3.7	.9	.1
	NMV	391	66.5	39.5	256	76	28	24	7	3,203	34.7	21.2	83.5	12.3	2.4	1.5	.3
Johnston	MV	1,774	115.1	38.5	1,062	219	97	227	169	13,471	34.6	19.2	82.5	12.3	4.4	.6	.2
	NMV	620	204.7	117.5	242	68	81	121	108	3,188	33.8	15.9	84.6	9.7	3.5	1.9	.3
Lee	MV	486	93.4	25.0	351	67	14	13	41	3,968	29.9	19.6	87.7	9.7	2.0	.4	.2
	NMV	330	170.9	39.5	189	29	15	37	60	3,913	24.4	15.2	91.1	6.9	1.2	.7	.1
District Totals	MV	3,066	99.0	32.2	1,927	458	163	299	219	25,202	33.0	18.7	84.4	11.0	3.9	.6	.1
	NMV	1,341	156.1	53.9	687	173	124	182	175	10,304	30.5	16.5	86.6	9.5	2.4	1.3	.2
District 12																	
Cumberland	MV	4,215	58.6	35.6	2,854	902	194	229	36	38,690	42.5	24.0	79.8	10.6	6.5	2.9	.2
	NMV	2,529	76.7	45.8	1,486	513	260	224	46	22,418	43.0	20.1	77.7	12.4	5.3	3.8	.8
Hoke	MV	361	70.0	26.1	250	37	21	48	5	3,735	36.2	19.8	84.4	8.9	4.6	1.7	.4
	NMV	337	97.6	85.9	93	178	20	39	7	1,250	39.7	17.5	83.8	10.8	2.3	1.6	1.5
District Totals	MV	4,576	59.5	32.4	3,104	939	215	277	41	42,425	41.9	23.4	80.1	10.5	6.4	2.8	.2
	NMV	2,866	79.1	50.5	1,579	691	280	263	53	23,668	42.8	20.0	78.2	12.2	5.1	3.7	.8

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					Ages of Pending Cases (Days)								Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)				
District 13		Total Pending	Mean Age	Median Age	0-60	61-120	121-180	181-365	>365	Total Disposed	Mean Age	Median Age	% 0-60	% 61-120	% 121-180	% 181-365	% >365
Bladen	MV	879	98.8	19.1	600	107	46	53	73	6,831	40.4	19.8	86.6	6.1	2.9	3.9	.5
	NMV	270	85.6	31.1	188	26	14	29	13	2,413	58.2	18.8	86.4	6.6	1.7	2.7	2.6
Brunswick	MV	482	50.9	29.6	377	69	8	21	7	4,553	37.6	21.0	81.4	11.2	5.3	2.0	.1
	NMV	273	69.9	29.6	200	23	11	35	4	1,809	34.4	15.5	83.3	11.1	2.5	3.0	.1
Columbus	MV	1,204	94.8	29.3	834	180	74	41	75	9,338	37.6	20.6	83.0	9.9	3.9	2.9	.3
	NMV	540	362.1	117.2	230	42	37	24	207	3,767	30.6	18.2	86.4	10.0	2.1	1.2	.3
District Totals	MV	2,565	87.9	29.1	1,811	356	128	115	155	20,722	38.5	20.4	83.7	9.0	4.0	3.0	.3
	NMV	1,083	219.5	45.1	618	91	62	88	224	7,989	39.8	18.2	85.7	9.2	2.1	2.1	.9
District 14																	
Durham	MV	2,646	106.9	38.1	1,623	317	194	328	184	18,483	61.5	22.1	86.5	6.5	2.0	2.2	2.8
	NMV	1,881	155.9	64.8	886	309	128	228	330	11,720	50.2	14.4	84.8	8.2	2.4	2.1	2.5
District 15A																	
Alamance	MV	1,106	34.8	21.5	922	138	24	20	2	11,694	35.3	22.1	88.6	7.9	2.1	.7	.7
	NMV	489	48.1	24.7	372	71	16	24	6	4,616	35.1	19.3	88.7	8.0	1.3	.9	1.1
District 15B																	
Chatham	MV	366	30.2	17.8	303	55	8	0	0	5,338	27.5	18.1	90.6	6.7	2.2	.5	0.0
	NMV	110	48.6	23.5	91	13	2	1	3	1,186	28.6	15.3	85.4	11.1	1.9	1.6	0.0
Orange	MV	1,326	41.9	25.1	1,065	172	59	22	8	10,521	55.7	24.3	80.9	7.3	2.9	6.6	2.3
	NMV	344	49.1	24.0	287	24	11	17	5	3,379	64.4	19.9	77.4	9.3	4.0	5.4	3.9
District Totals	MV	1,692	39.4	24.9	1,368	227	67	22	8	15,859	46.2	22.1	84.3	7.0	2.7	4.5	1.5
	NMV	454	49.0	24.0	378	37	13	18	8	4,565	55.1	18.5	79.6	9.7	3.4	4.4	2.9
District 16																	
Robeson	MV	1,777	44.3	25.9	1,357	336	50	21	13	17,405	30.7	16.2	83.8	11.2	4.5	.5	0.0
	NMV	945	65.0	29.6	649	122	69	96	9	8,737	38.4	20.5	78.6	15.9	4.4	1.0	.1
Scotland	MV	310	75.8	24.1	237	45	5	5	18	5,161	34.8	15.1	88.4	4.7	4.0	.8	2.1
	NMV	659	288.3	241.1	170	48	49	170	222	2,894	33.8	15.2	89.3	6.3	1.0	1.1	2.3
District Totals	MV	2,087	49.0	25.7	1,594	381	55	26	31	22,566	31.7	15.9	84.8	9.8	4.4	.6	.4
	NMV	1,604	156.8	57.7	819	170	118	266	231	11,631	37.2	18.6	81.4	13.5	3.4	1.0	.7
District 17																	
Caswell	MV	261	83.5	25.8	177	38	12	17	17	2,211	43.7	27.0	83.5	8.7	4.9	2.1	.8
	NMV	123	126.4	28.3	81	8	3	20	11	697	30.0	16.4	89.2	6.7	2.9	1.1	.1
Rockingham	MV	1,157	77.7	31.8	750	187	66	120	34	9,607	39.5	21.3	84.6	7.2	4.2	3.5	.5
	NMV	603	144.0	54.1	307	96	38	92	70	5,014	38.4	17.2	83.0	10.0	4.0	2.2	.8
Stokes	MV	366	51.3	30.6	296	37	12	14	7	3,537	38.2	21.9	81.8	11.0	5.3	1.8	.1
	NMV	118	88.8	38.5	90	11	3	7	7	1,003	38.2	20.4	82.9	11.2	3.3	1.9	.7
Surry	MV	631	51.7	31.5	437	116	58	19	1	6,449	45.5	19.3	82.2	7.6	6.0	2.2	2.0
	NMV	505	49.9	24.0	371	70	45	17	2	3,311	62.0	27.8	75.5	12.4	4.7	3.9	3.5
District Totals	MV	2,415	67.6	31.0	1,660	378	148	170	59	21,804	41.5	21.4	83.4	8.1	4.9	2.7	.9
	NMV	1,349	102.4	31.8	849	185	89	136	90	10,025	45.6	21.4	81.0	10.7	4.0	2.7	1.6

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					Ages of Pending Cases (Days)								Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)				
		Total Pending	Mean Age	Median Age	0-60	61-120	121-180	181-365	>365	Total Disposed	Mean Age	Median Age	% 0-60	% 61-120	% 121-180	% 181-365	% >365
District 18																	
Guilford	MV	6,882	140.7	60.9	3,393	869	609	1,206	805	41,995	46.7	28.3	82.8	11.3	2.5	1.8	1.6
	NMV	4,487	205.3	112.6	1,779	525	384	846	953	19,618	82.9	33.1	70.5	15.7	4.5	3.1	6.2
District 19A																	
Cabarrus	MV	1,475	48.4	26.2	1,149	210	35	67	14	12,238	34.9	24.0	85.7	8.0	5.2	1.0	.1
	NMV	284	78.8	25.7	185	38	26	24	11	3,872	30.2	18.5	89.1	7.3	1.8	1.6	.2
Rowan	MV	1,007	52.2	25.7	776	149	37	30	15	10,857	33.2	21.7	85.9	9.6	3.5	.9	.1
	NMV	358	113.3	30.0	240	42	16	27	33	4,477	29.2	14.2	91.6	4.9	1.2	1.6	.7
District Totals	MV	2,482	49.9	26.1	1,925	359	72	97	29	23,095	34.1	22.7	85.8	8.8	4.4	.9	.1
	NMV	642	98.1	26.3	425	80	42	51	44	8,349	29.6	15.9	90.4	6.0	1.5	1.6	.5
District 19B																	
Montgomery	MV	543	178.6	52.2	287	67	22	45	122	4,278	27.3	15.5	90.1	5.9	2.6	1.3	.1
	NMV	423	428.4	311.9	116	12	12	98	185	1,763	24.7	14.2	91.2	6.1	1.6	.9	.2
Randolph	MV	906	69.3	39.3	568	143	92	102	1	9,025	39.7	21.8	86.5	7.5	2.1	3.5	.4
	NMV	239	86.4	18.6	191	30	4	5	9	2,913	65.2	20.8	84.7	9.3	2.5	1.3	2.2
District Totals	MV	1,449	110.3	39.9	855	210	114	147	123	13,303	35.7	19.9	87.6	7.0	2.3	2.8	.3
	NMV	662	304.9	89.3	307	42	16	103	194	4,676	48.3	17.8	87.2	8.1	2.1	1.2	1.4
District 20																	
Anson	MV	317	81.9	25.7	225	30	13	33	16	4,529	31.0	14.4	89.1	6.3	2.1	1.8	.7
	NMV	107	76.5	19.1	80	12	6	4	5	1,456	32.0	18.6	88.6	7.2	2.6	1.2	.4
Moore	MV	446	89.3	53.9	240	89	44	69	4	6,357	31.5	15.7	87.9	6.5	3.0	2.2	.4
	NMV	366	73.8	22.3	247	57	29	22	11	3,422	36.0	18.3	83.2	10.6	4.9	1.0	.3
Richmond	MV	806	104.1	25.1	529	87	45	94	51	5,703	43.5	17.5	88.4	5.1	3.9	1.6	1.0
	NMV	442	150.6	52.1	230	37	42	75	58	2,965	41.2	15.7	88.9	5.7	1.0	1.8	2.6
Stanly	MV	731	115.5	54.3	381	123	78	109	40	6,659	35.7	14.9	88.0	5.3	4.1	1.2	1.4
	NMV	582	224.8	205.0	168	31	57	189	137	2,033	52.3	14.6	86.0	3.8	2.0	2.6	5.6
Union	MV	572	69.9	32.3	369	101	42	57	3	7,179	27.0	14.0	90.1	6.7	2.1	.6	.5
	NMV	326	77.1	25.8	205	51	19	50	1	3,159	24.0	13.8	93.5	4.4	1.2	.7	.2
District Totals	MV	2,872	95.5	39.0	1,744	430	222	362	114	30,427	33.6	15.1	88.7	5.9	3.0	1.5	.9
	NMV	1,823	141.4	53.8	930	188	153	340	212	13,035	36.4	15.4	88.0	6.6	2.4	1.4	1.6
District 21																	
Forsyth	MV	4,516	113.7	27.1	2,759	401	261	688	407	37,358	35.6	18.1	93.9	2.4	.4	1.0	2.3
	NMV	2,048	132.1	49.2	1,186	201	149	274	238	13,628	70.2	18.1	85.7	3.8	.7	2.0	7.8

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		Total Pending	Mean Age	Median Age	0-60	61-120	121-180	181-365	> 365	Total Disposed	Mean Age	Median Age	% 0-60	% 61-120	% 121-180	% 181-365	% > 365
District 22																	
Alexander	MV	139	61.4	26.2	105	12	7	14	1	1,927	30.5	20.5	93.9	4.1	.1	1.3	.6
	NMV	79	87.3	50.7	41	19	10	5	4	1,022	30.6	14.1	91.6	4.1	1.0	2.4	.9
Davidson	MV	1,421	130.9	39.8	835	138	107	148	193	13,065	27.5	17.4	89.6	7.4	2.1	.9	0.0
	NMV	867	220.8	60.9	426	96	45	76	224	5,160	40.9	19.8	84.2	9.9	3.1	2.1	.7
Davie	MV	639	104.8	31.3	415	54	20	103	47	4,573	28.5	20.3	91.0	7.1	.9	.8	.2
	NMV	182	91.1	51.5	114	36	17	8	7	852	21.3	15.5	93.1	6.4	.1	.4	0.0
Iredell	MV	1,039	41.3	25.8	807	179	37	14	2	10,131	31.9	21.1	88.9	7.6	2.0	1.0	.5
	NMV	539	39.3	23.5	454	54	15	13	3	4,576	31.3	17.2	90.4	6.6	1.1	.8	1.1
District Totals	MV	3,238	94.0	31.5	2,162	383	171	279	243	29,696	29.4	19.3	89.8	7.2	1.8	1.0	.2
	NMV	1,667	141.6	38.7	1,035	205	87	102	238	11,610	34.8	17.9	88.0	7.8	1.9	1.5	.8
District 23																	
Alleghany	MV	96	135.6	61.5	47	9	5	24	11	713	21.9	12.9	92.0	5.7	2.0	.1	.2
	NMV	32	98.8	61.0	15	8	1	6	2	280	30.7	13.3	93.5	1.4	1.5	.7	2.9
Ashe	MV	146	42.1	18.7	114	20	6	6	0	1,781	34.7	19.2	86.9	8.6	1.3	2.1	1.1
	NMV	57	143.7	19.0	36	2	5	9	5	942	34.5	14.0	91.6	4.7	1.5	1.2	1.0
Wilkes	MV	662	57.5	31.2	466	118	47	21	10	6,697	48.4	21.4	82.9	9.8	3.5	1.5	2.3
	NMV	387	102.1	46.8	224	69	23	42	29	2,927	45.8	15.0	87.3	6.8	1.6	.9	3.4
Yadkin	MV	243	43.4	22.2	186	36	16	4	1	2,831	26.1	14.4	89.3	6.9	2.9	.8	.1
	NMV	78	33.1	15.0	69	4	3	2	0	1,213	28.1	15.8	86.9	9.2	3.2	.5	.2
District Totals	MV	1,147	59.1	29.4	813	183	74	55	22	12,022	39.5	18.5	85.6	8.6	3.0	1.3	1.5
	NMV	554	96.5	39.6	344	83	32	59	36	5,362	39.0	14.8	88.2	6.7	2.0	.8	2.3
District 24																	
Avery	MV	288	76.8	32.1	177	48	22	35	6	1,651	33.9	22.7	89.0	8.2	1.4	.7	.7
	NMV	101	123.6	98.7	33	31	18	15	4	599	60.1	28.2	77.5	10.8	4.9	4.5	2.3
Madison	MV	245	86.2	47.2	143	61	14	18	9	2,536	40.1	20.8	79.1	9.9	9.0	1.8	.2
	NMV	87	205.0	47.0	49	7	1	9	21	336	54.0	26.5	76.1	14.0	4.2	4.5	1.2
Mitchell	MV	254	172.8	130.0	112	14	11	113	4	1,145	33.1	21.9	88.2	6.8	3.5	1.1	.4
	NMV	53	103.2	47.3	28	10	4	8	3	322	40.0	24.0	85.3	9.4	2.8	1.9	.6
Watauga	MV	451	93.4	32.9	277	73	29	48	24	4,120	41.7	20.4	84.4	7.8	2.9	3.6	1.3
	NMV	367	225.3	159.3	77	49	82	55	104	947	55.7	21.1	83.4	8.9	1.8	2.1	3.8
Yancey	MV	189	95.5	51.0	96	22	32	39	0	1,467	27.2	15.9	91.8	4.5	1.6	1.8	.3
	NMV	58	58.7	19.2	44	4	4	6	0	548	32.7	13.5	88.5	7.5	1.1	.9	2.0
District Totals	MV	1,427	103.2	46.8	805	218	108	253	43	10,919	37.3	20.5	85.4	7.8	3.9	2.2	.7
	NMV	666	183.0	123.0	231	101	109	93	132	2,752	50.0	21.6	82.4	9.7	2.8	2.7	2.4

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					Ages of Pending Cases (Days)								Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)				
District 25		Total Pending	Mean Age	Median Age	0-60	61-120	121-180	181-365	> 365	Total Disposed	Mean Age	Median Age	% 0-60	% 61-120	% 121-180	% 181-365	% > 365
Burke	MV	973	69.1	26.3	721	125	31	56	40	9,688	29.8	16.1	87.7	7.8	3.1	1.1	.3
	NMV	207	94.8	22.8	157	19	8	8	15	3,013	34.1	18.2	86.1	9.5	2.5	1.2	.7
Caldwell	MV	656	59.2	25.8	463	99	35	45	14	7,364	34.5	17.8	86.6	7.2	3.5	2.2	.5
	NMV	413	103.0	39.1	252	41	42	41	37	3,062	47.8	20.5	83.8	9.2	2.0	2.5	2.5
Catawba	MV	1,185	70.3	31.5	783	212	94	63	33	13,144	31.3	19.8	86.8	7.9	4.4	.9	0.0
	NMV	663	101.5	38.2	377	122	69	46	49	6,332	34.1	16.0	87.7	7.6	2.2	1.0	1.5
District Totals	MV	2,814	67.3	29.6	1,967	436	160	164	87	30,196	31.6	18.2	87.1	7.7	3.7	1.3	.2
	NMV	1,283	100.9	32.3	786	182	119	95	101	12,407	37.5	17.6	86.4	8.5	2.2	1.4	1.5
District 26																	
Mecklenburg	MV	12,077	297.0	101.6	5,187	1,122	532	1,150	4,086	46,766	44.0	24.4	82.0	8.6	5.0	3.9	.5
	NMV	8,614	602.3	463.8	1,876	470	284	1,192	4,792	18,501	33.3	22.8	85.1	12.3	1.7	.7	.2
District 27A																	
Gaston	MV	1,454	92.1	31.7	974	257	97	41	85	15,595	46.6	22.8	80.9	9.3	6.2	2.1	1.5
	NMV	1,480	144.9	32.4	915	201	77	72	215	12,541	43.9	18.6	83.7	9.7	2.2	2.4	2.0
District 27B																	
Cleveland	MV	1,159	66.3	38.9	762	230	97	47	23	10,271	37.9	22.3	81.1	11.2	6.1	1.5	.1
	NMV	580	78.8	39.0	380	85	49	44	22	4,579	39.4	22.4	79.7	14.2	3.9	1.9	.3
Lincoln	MV	477	62.7	26.3	320	81	22	49	5	4,448	31.8	19.4	86.7	8.1	3.4	1.7	.1
	NMV	311	57.7	30.5	221	57	13	16	4	1,876	36.7	22.4	85.0	10.7	1.9	2.1	.3
District Totals	MV	1,636	65.2	38.5	1,082	311	119	96	28	14,719	36.1	21.3	82.8	10.3	5.2	1.6	.1
	NMV	891	71.4	34.0	601	142	62	60	26	6,455	38.6	22.4	81.2	13.2	3.3	2.0	.3
District 28																	
Buncombe	MV	1,481	110.3	46.8	810	206	162	210	93	16,204	30.1	14.5	91.6	3.1	1.6	2.7	1.0
	NMV	1,218	111.7	47.1	635	135	162	223	63	10,102	29.1	16.3	90.9	5.7	1.2	1.6	.6
District 29																	
Henderson	MV	1,098	62.4	40.1	686	274	93	36	9	6,780	46.9	25.0	78.0	7.8	10.4	3.5	.3
	NMV	492	67.1	44.6	312	112	24	35	9	3,270	45.7	21.1	78.6	11.6	4.5	4.6	.7
McDowell	MV	838	116.6	54.4	425	124	68	203	18	5,130	37.1	24.1	83.7	9.5	5.6	1.0	.2
	NMV	393	181.8	250.3	122	33	25	191	22	1,260	55.5	21.1	79.8	8.6	3.3	5.6	2.7
Polk	MV	274	74.9	64.0	131	83	51	8	1	2,428	50.4	23.3	76.3	7.3	10.9	4.6	.9
	NMV	129	42.9	38.9	114	11	3	0	1	656	53.2	22.5	74.6	10.5	6.3	7.2	1.4
Rutherford	MV	401	123.2	40.4	236	59	34	35	37	3,881	46.5	21.0	84.4	8.5	4.5	1.3	1.3
	NMV	362	167.8	46.7	225	44	12	31	50	2,265	42.3	14.2	88.4	6.0	1.9	1.2	2.5
Transylvania	MV	372	108.2	66.3	163	89	48	59	13	2,351	50.8	27.2	77.0	13.5	3.7	4.6	1.2
	NMV	176	126.9	72.7	74	40	15	36	11	873	57.1	21.8	75.2	10.9	4.0	7.9	2.0
District Totals	MV	2,983	92.7	50.4	1,641	629	294	341	78	20,570	45.2	23.9	80.3	9.0	7.3	2.7	.7
	NMV	1,552	124.4	50.5	847	240	79	293	93	8,324	48.0	18.1	80.9	9.4	3.7	4.4	1.6

Ages of Motor Vehicle (MV) and Non-Motor Vehicle (N-MV) Cases in the District Courts

Ages of Cases Pending 6/30/79 and Ages of Cases Disposed During Fiscal Year 1978-79

					Ages of Pending Cases (Days)								Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)				
		Total Pending	Mean Age	Median Age	0-60	61-120	121-180	181-365	>365	Total Disposed	Mean Age	Median Age	% 0-60	% 61-120	% 121-180	% 181-365	% >365
District 30																	
Cherokee	MV	279	65.7	35.8	194	43	22	15	5	2,305	31.9	20.2	87.2	7.9	3.1	1.6	.2
	NMV	137	123.7	56.6	76	25	9	19	8	631	44.6	27.4	77.7	13.2	5.4	3.5	.2
Clay	MV	63	83.8	32.3	39	10	7	4	3	579	39.3	16.8	89.4	4.0	2.6	1.7	2.3
	NMV	29	83.7	45.2	20	2	3	2	2	262	66.1	5.8	80.9	5.0	3.5	1.9	8.7
Graham	MV	71	260.6	236.0	23	2	6	19	21	468	49.0	18.9	84.5	5.9	2.4	4.7	2.5
	NMV	47	183.0	53.8	27	0	1	10	9	281	53.1	13.8	81.5	9.2	4.6	0.0	4.7
Haywood	MV	832	149.4	70.7	376	185	48	142	81	6,115	34.8	6.4	78.4	13.4	6.7	.9	.6
	NMV	908	236.2	183.0	216	127	109	284	172	2,417	100.8	26.0	77.8	8.9	2.2	2.3	8.8
Jackson	MV	260	123.4	85.5	115	36	30	71	8	2,842	46.0	5.9	82.0	7.4	3.2	4.4	3.0
	NMV	120	136.7	73.5	48	30	7	28	7	644	78.5	19.0	75.3	7.8	3.2	6.8	6.9
Macon	MV	276	177.1	65.5	136	35	8	37	60	3,028	21.1	4.2	92.6	3.6	1.3	2.1	.4
	NMV	205	313.8	220.0	71	16	8	39	71	574	38.5	19.7	85.6	9.1	1.1	2.3	1.9
Swain	MV	247	83.7	25.8	170	24	10	31	12	1,869	22.5	11.3	92.8	4.2	1.7	1.1	.2
	NMV	160	126.9	54.1	82	13	27	20	18	502	41.6	11.1	82.4	7.2	3.4	6.2	.8
District Totals	MV	2,028	132.2	56.6	1,053	335	131	319	190	17,206	33.1	8.3	84.8	8.4	3.9	1.9	1.0
	NMV	1,606	213.9	150.1	540	213	164	402	287	5,311	74.8	21.9	1	9.0	2.9	3.2	5.8
STATE TOTALS	MV	97,513	119.6	38.7	59,395	14,124	5,767	8,956	9,271	787,465	37.2	21.0	85.7	8.1	3.5	2.0	.7
	NMV	56,655	219.3	65.6	27,333	6,911	3,848	7,433	11,130	347,174	42.0	19.0	83.9	9.7	2.7	2.1	1.6

RANKINGS FOR THE 33 JUDICIAL DISTRICTS BASED UPON PERCENT DISPOSITION TO TOTAL CASELOAD

July 1, 1978-June 30 1979

		Superior Court					District Court		
		Civil	Criminal		Estates	Special Proceedings	Civil	Criminal	
Judicial Division	Judicial District		Felonies	Misdemeanors				Motor Vehicle	Non-Motor Vehicle
I	1	20	2	14	28	30	8	10	12
	2	24	20	27	15	31	1	1	1
	3	31	9	16	11	19	26	20	27
	4	9	33	8	18	22	11	27	26
	5	30	16	11	29	20	25	19	25
	6	33	32	33	24	32	22	11	16
	7	13	17	19	4	26	7	24	19
	8	4	6	3	12	8	29	6	3
II	9	22	30	30	16	13	19	22	11
	10	1	28	21	32	18	33	30	28
	11	29	18	28	22	27	30	25	13
	12	12	8	17	5	5	12	14	10
	13	18	23	18	26	33	32	26	15
	14	21	5	6	25	23	15	29	24
	15A	19	25	25	2	7	2	8	7
	15B	3	11	2	23	11	20	12	4
	16	16	27	24	8	9	14	3	17
III	17	15	12	26	6	21	4	17	14
	18	28	19	1	21	3	6	32	30
	19A	25	4	15	7	4	17	13	2
	19B	23	3	23	9	14	13	15	21
	20	32	14	12	33	24	24	7	20
	21	10	1	7	14	1	3	23	23
	22	7	26	5	13	16	10	16	22
	23	5	21	10	3	6	18	9	5
IV	24	6	29	31	30	29	9	28	31
	25	8	24	20	27	15	16	4	6
	26	27	13	13	20	12	31	33	33
	27A	17	15	9	17	10	21	5	8
	27B	14	7	4	1	2	5	18	18
	28	2	10	29	19	17	28	2	9
	29	26	22	22	10	25	23	31	29
	30	11	31	32	31	28	27	21	32

RANKINGS FOR THE 100 COUNTIES BASED UPON PERCENT DISPOSITION TO TOTAL CASELOAD

July 1, 1978-June 30, 1979

		Superior Court					District Court		
		Civil	Criminal		Estates	Special Proceedings	Civil	Criminal	
District	County		Felonies	Misdemeanors				Motor Vehicle	Non-Motor Vehicle
1	Camden	79	18	36	1	17	8	27	5
	Chowan	63	16	3	74	96	27	15	25
	Currituck	75	1	41	42	67	66	26	35
	Dare	76	37	85	98	90	97	92	96
	Gates	15	78	50	84	98	4	70	1
	Pasquotank	11	5	17	25	23	7	6	14
	Perquimans	64	6	38	60	60	36	33	91
2	Beaufort	36	19	56	51	97	2	9	11
	Hyde	84	97	62	58	71	24	3	19
	Martin	26	89	79	33	37	10	5	42
	Tyrrell	99	100	94	70	34	69	7	57
	Washington	95	42	73	28	86	1	1	3
3	Carteret	92	81	92	31	85	91	97	93
	Craven	83	10	13	27	45	54	10	29
	Pamlico	44	4	53	72	69	43	2	2
	Pitt	57	40	48	48	24	81	52	72
4	Duplin	90	53	75	39	68	40	69	53
	Jones	34	3	11	32	74	25	32	6
	Onslow	58	13	8	83	50	77	79	60
	Sampson	2	44	29	21	19	6	71	97
5	New Hanover	52	38	24	80	33	75	49	66
	Pender	100	91	80	16	93	53	83	55
6	Bertie	98	98	88	68	84	77	22	80
	Halifax	94	94	95	79	92	79	62	56
	Hertford	78	54	90	50	83	74	84	49
	Northampton	85	85	98	57	64	31	12	4
7	Edgecombe	56	15	14	19	62	14	20	29
	Nash	62	25	40	35	77	51	64	45
	Wilson	19	87	87	3	39	28	87	78
8	Greene	81	48	60	7	76	20	37	15
	Lenoir	7	2	5	24	42	61	14	10
	Wayne	25	46	9	63	12	89	48	47
9	Franklin	46	92	78	94	55	62	38	63
	Granville	20	55	69	6	11	23	40	9
	Person	93	86	93	76	81	92	57	41
	Vance	32	64	47	29	58	12	61	24
	Warren	86	76	86	20	20	96	98	18
10	Wake	5	73	54	85	44	94	89	74
11	Harnett	35	57	20	52	94	90	47	46
	Johnston	96	49	58	69	13	85	79	76
	Lee	17	58	83	87	70	73	72	22
12	Cumberland	40	29	46	14	8	45	55	38
	Hoke	23	45	66	81	73	39	35	90
13	Bladen	61	71	84	47	47	67	75	37
	Brunswick	42	90	42	97	99	100	50	61
	Columbus	51	11	25	49	88	58	77	57
14	Durham	53	26	16	73	54	57	86	65
15A	Alamance	49	60	63	10	25	13	31	32
15B	Chatham	39	30	1	45	49	17	8	23
	Orange	8	28	30	78	22	84	73	26
16	Robeson	37	43	61	26	14	46	43	34
	Scotland	69	93	60	61	79	63	4	85

RANKINGS FOR THE 100 COUNTIES BASED UPON PERCENT DISPOSITION TO TOTAL CASELOAD

July 1, 1978-June 30, 1979

		Superior Court					District Court		
		Civil	Criminal		Estates	Special Proceedings	Civil	Criminal	
District	County		Felonies	Misdemeanors				Motor Vehicle	Non-Motor Vehicle
17	Caswell	22	95	89	17	72	38	63	73
	Rockingham	27	31	59	12	63	15	65	43
	Stokes	48	22	19	56	31	5	46	40
	Surry	65	52	70	53	27	32	36	62
18	Guilford	72	56	7	66	9	30	95	86
19A	Cabarrus	82	24	52	34	40	82	66	16
	Rowan	30	27	21	23	5	26	28	20
19B	Montgomery	97	63	81	43	66	87	74	87
	Randolph	41	14	57	30	32	21	41	21
20	Anson	88	8	45	95	75	19	10	17
	Moore	91	69	37	75	15	42	11	33
	Richmond	87	36	49	89	95	98	86	58
	Stanly	55	7	33	96	57	47	58	91
	Union	89	72	31	44	26	49	16	27
21	Forsyth	33	20	26	41	3	22	67	59
22	Alexander	9	61	2	36	53	50	13	18
	Davidson	50	75	6	46	65	48	53	70
	Davie	3	39	82	9	30	56	85	82
	Iredell	14	68	28	37	21	34	44	41
23	Alleghany	1	77	23	13	4	70	81	39
	Ashe	43	12	18	15	10	3	17	7
	Wilkes	24	32	34	22	16	83	39	52
	Yadkin	12	84	51	4	18	11	18	9
24	Avery	28	83	91	71	46	9	96	71
	Madison	71	99	97	90	89	65	34	89
	Mitchell	21	74	96	100	100	18	99	67
	Watauga	6	30	32	82	41	59	56	99
	Yancey	73	35	65	2	60	33	76	31
25	Burke	66	59	44	55	2	44	42	13
	Caldwell	31	17	4	62	82	52	19	54
	Catawba	18	66	76	86	48	64	21	30
26	Mecklenburg	70	41	43	65	35	88	100	100
27A	Gaston	45	47	35	54	28	68	29	42
27B	Cleveland	74	9	15	8	6	29	59	51
	Lincoln	4	67	10	11	1	16	51	68
28	Buncombe	10	34	72	64	43	80	24	44
29	Henderson	68	23	22	18	87	78	93	60
	McDowell	80	65	64	77	52	93	94	94
	Polk	77	82	67	59	7	41	60	77
	Rutherford	54	70	71	5	29	35	45	64
	Transylvania	67	33	39	88	80	76	91	79
30	Cherokee	13	88	99	93	51	99	68	84
	Clay	16	21	27	67	38	37	54	36
	Graham	59	62	55	38	60	86	90	69
	Haywood	29	50	74	40	36	55	82	98
	Jackson	47	79	77	99	78	60	25	75
	Macon	60	96	100	91	91	95	23	97
	Swain	38	51	12	92	56	71	80	95